

NEW SIDEWALKS PLANNED IN NORTHEAST TOWSON

The Baltimore County Department of Public Works will install seven brick crosswalks in northeastern Towson, in a style similar to those created on Burke Avenue. One will be installed across Shealy Avenue at York Road; two at Shealy and Delaware Avenues; one at Delaware and Chesapeake Avenues; one at Joppa Road and Delaware Avenue; and two at Joppa Road and Virginia Avenue.

Construction will occur once the weather cooperates. The cost is about \$90,000. The improvements should help with pedestrian activity in a busy area anchored by Towson Square.

NEW PARK PROJECTS ADVANCE IN EASTERN TOWSON

In December, the Baltimore County Council passed open space funding legislation that boosted the fees developers must pay for projects in Downtown Towson. The first project to benefit will be the expansion of Towson Manor Village Park. The county legislation provides \$80,000 that may be doubled if a bond bill passes that is sponsored Delegate Steve Lafferty and Senator Jim Brochin.

Separate legislation would advance the Radebaugh Park project by providing \$200,000 for improvements at that site. Councilman Marks appreciates the support of Delegate Lafferty, Senator Brochin, and County Executive Kevin Kamenetz for these projects.



SENIOR COMMUNITY OPENS IN PERRY HALL

The Chapel Springs senior housing project has opened behind the Perry Hall Marketplace shopping center at Belair and Chapel Roads. The project includes 127 one- and two-bedroom apartments with a range of affordable units. Tenants must be seniors aged 62 years and older. The \$23 million project includes a multipurpose community room, health suite, billiards and game room, internet cafe, fitness room, beauty salon, outdoor patio and dog park.

Councilman Marks sponsored the resolution that began review of the project. This development has no impact on public schools, and it will hopefully help the merchants at the Perry Hall Marketplace shopping center.

BREAKFAST TO FOCUS ON DOWNTOWN PERRY HALL

Councilman Marks and the Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association will sponsor a community breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 25 at the Perry Hall Double-T Diner to discuss ways to improve Downtown Perry Hall, the area centered at Belair and Joppa Roads. Light fare will be served. Email Ryan Hensler at rhenkler@baltimorecountymd.gov to make a reservation.

ANGEL PARK CONSTRUCTION TO START THIS SPRING

A full weekend of activities is planned to mark the groundbreaking for Angel Park, the new all-access playground and amphitheatre next to the Perry Hall library. There is a cornhole tournament and a family construction day, followed by the groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, February 29 at 11 a.m.

There are still opportunities to volunteer your time or sponsor materials used for the park. Visit <http://www.angel-park.org> for more details. More than \$1 million has been raised toward this project, with much of the funding generated by individuals and businesses.