



DEB'S DISTRICT UPDATE

Deb Jung • District Four

July has brought us back into full swing with ground-breakings, ribbon cuttings, parties, and events.

It feels good to be back in person and I am grateful to the 85.7% of Howard County residents who have been vaccinated. Thanks to you, many of us have resumed our regular summer activities and are looking forward to more fun gatherings ahead. But let's continue to stay safe by keeping abreast of CDC guidelines and practicing social distancing if required to do so.

Political campaigns are also gearing up, with the primary election less than a year away, and for the first time ever, candidates can raise funds through the Citizens' Election Fund (CEF). This is a public financing system for elections established for Howard County candidates for County Executive and County Council who agree to abide by program requirements to only accept small contributions between \$5 and \$250 from individuals and refrain from accepting contributions from corporations, limited liability corporations, political action committees, unions, political parties, and similar entities or organizations and groups.

The CEF provides matching funds for contributions made by Howard County residents to an eligible candidate who has met certain thresholds pertaining to the number of County residents donating (125 people) and the aggregate amount of contributions received (\$10,000). The purpose is to create people-fueled campaigns and diminish the influence of big-money donors. Click [here](#) for more about candidates who are participating in the CEF program.

Deb

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Council Updates

JUNE-JULY LEGISLATION

The Council's most recent voting session occurred on July 6. Highlights include:

County Executive's Legislation

CB43 – Approval of American Rescue Plan awards of \$1.077 million for non-profits and \$31.6 million for pandemic-related revenue losses, infrastructure, and public health projects; *Passed as amended*

CB49 – Revision of the Recreation and Parks rules including prohibiting ice skating, stand up paddles boards, off-road vehicles, verbal or physical harassment of park employees, vaping, and smoking; *Passed as amended*

CB50 – Request to extend the public water and sewer agreement to two years for the Erickson; *Passed as amended*

CB51 (ZRA 194) – Approval to allow gas stations as a permitted use in the Planned Golf Course Community Multi-Use Subdistrict (Turf Valley); *Pending*

CR104 – Adoption of Housing Unit Allocation Chart for FY2022; *Pending*

CR105 – Adoption of School Capacity Chart; *Passed*

Councilmembers' Legislation

CR35 – Councilmanic Redistricting Commission date requirement; Chair; *Tabled*

JULY LEGISLATION

Legislation was introduced in July and voted on July 28. No new legislation was introduced because of the August recess.

County Executive's Legislation

TAO1-FY2022 – Transfer of state grant money (\$8 million) to parks; *Passed*

Councilmembers' Legislation

CB56 – Addition of a look-back clause to the Forest Conservation law. Liz Walsh; *Tabled*

CB57 – Enhanced enforcement and penalties for violations of Forest Conservation law; Liz Walsh; *Tabled*

CB55 – Removal of the minimum size requirement on agricultural preservation land on which a landowner's house can be built; David Yungmann; *Passed*

CB58 – Extension of outdoor restaurant seating until November 15; *Passed*

Council Legislation: Click [here](#).

Council Updates

COUNCILMANIC REDISTRICTING 2021

Using data from the 2020 decennial census, Councilmanic Districts will be redrawn by a Councilmanic Redistricting Commission (CRC), comprising seven total members, of which three are named by the Central Committees of each political party that polled at least 25% of the total vote for the County Executive's office in the previous election, and a Chairperson appointed by the County Council. There are also two Council-appointed alternates.

The Council has introduced but not voted on CR35-2021, the Councilmanic redistricting plan timeline. The bill will be amended to reflect the delayed delivery dates of census data from the U.S. Census Bureau to include the following:

- November 17: Council to receive the Commission Redistricting Commission's plan;
- December 6: Public Hearing for the CRC's plan
- December 20: Legislative Public Hearing on redistricting legislation

- January 18: Adoption of CRC's plan if no action is taken by the Council.

Click [here](#) for more.

ALCOHOL CARRY-OUT AND DELIVERY

During the Governor's State of Emergency, the the Board of License Commissioners (the Liquor Board) approved various rules changes to allow restaurants that were closed or capacity limited to sell alcoholic beverages directly to customers. During the 2021 General Assembly session, the State Legislature voted to extend these practices beyond the State of Emergency. On July 14, the Liquor Board agreed with the General Assemblies' decision with a unanimous vote to approve alcoholic beverage carry-out and delivery for restaurants for at least the next two years. Click [here](#) for more.

**The County Council will be
in Recess during the
month of August!**

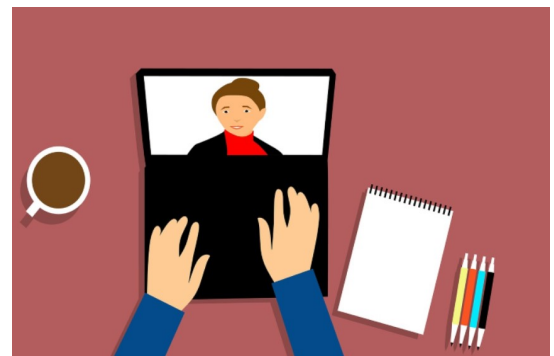
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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 8 — 7pm Legislative Session

September 13 — 1pm Monthly Meeting

September 20 — 9:30am Joint Meeting with Board of Education



School Updates

MASK REQUIREMENTS

HCPSS is now requiring universal indoor mask wearing for all students, staff, and visitors in school buildings. Masks will also be required on school buses. Click [here](#) for more.

SCHOOL CAPACITY CHART

The County Council recently passed the annual School Capacity Chart, which projects 22 elementary schools, two elementary school regions, six middle schools, and five high schools are projected to be closed to development. Columbia West elementary school region will be above 105% by 2025-26. All elementary school regions except Columbia East and Western will be above or beyond 105% by 2025. The Board of Education, County Council, and the County Executive will meet to discuss this on September 20. Click [here](#) for more.

SUMMER MEAL SCHEDULE

Students can access meals at the following locations and pick-up times:

June 21–August 13

Mondays & Thursdays

11:30 am-1pm

- Bushy Park Elementary School
- Ducketts Lane Elementary School
- Hollifield Station Elementary School

12:30-2pm

- Burleigh Manor Middle School
- Clarksville Middle School
- Oakland Mills Middle School
- Wilde Lake High School

1-2:30pm

- Deep Run Elementary School
- Fulton Elementary School

- Howard High School
- Laurel Woods Elementary School
- Longfellow Elementary School
- Rockburn Elementary School

HOCO STRIVES FUNDING

Howard County has awarded HCPSS and community partners with a \$750,000 grant to provide enrichment supports to qualifying students. This initiative known as HoCo STRIVES will include the following:

- Doubling the Summer Scholars' program from 90 to 180 students
- Establishing an after-school program at Deep Run Elementary
- Launching a leadership team in Elkridge to identify student and community needs.

Click here for [more](#).

HEALTH FUND DEFICIT UPDATE

With increased funding from the County Council and the County Executive, HCPSS announced this month that it will eliminate the health fund deficit two years ahead of schedule. Click [here](#) for more.

WILDE LAKE HS TEACHER WINS STEM AWARD

Wilde Lake High School science teacher and instructional team leader Jamie Proctor was recently named a STEM Educator of the Year by the Maryland Tech Council. She is a 13-year veteran of the profession.



Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed

Take prevention measures

Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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As many people are now vaccinated in the county, state, and around the country, the CDC continues to give guidance regarding safe-activities for those who have received the vaccine.

County Updates

COUNTY BUILDINGS REOPEN

Howard County public buildings are now open to the public. Face coverings should be worn by those who are not vaccinated and six-foot distancing is encouraged. There are also new visitor management systems in place. The Department of Community Resources is requiring all visitors to wear face masks.

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Register by August 13



Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services is distributing free school

supplies on August 21, 10am-12pm, at the following locations. Advanced registration is required; click [here](#) for more.

HOUSING MASTER PLAN

The Housing Opportunities Taskforce force has completed its year-long review of housing affordability in the County and has presented recommendations in the Housing Opportunities Master Plan. Click [here](#) for more.

WILDE LAKE WAYFINDING

Big thanks to the Office of Transportation for adding the new wayfinding sign for the footpath that connects Little Patuxent Parkway to

Wilde Lake Village Center via the old Columbia Flier property. I'm very glad that signage provides assistance to pedestrians and joggers using this route.

911 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center is now partnering with the Police Department to provide counseling services to mental health-related 911 calls. Click [here](#) for more.

GET ACTIVE

The fall Recreation and Parks Activities Guide is now available online. Click [here](#) for more.

APPLICATIONS REQUESTED FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Deadline August 13

County residents are invited to apply appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission, which reviews alterations and applications in the County's historic districts. Click [here](#) for more.

A purple banner for the Human Rights Commission Awards. It features the HRC logo and a white dove. The text on the banner reads: "HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS We Are More: Uplifting the Human Spirit The Human Rights Commission Awards celebrate individuals who protect and promote the human and civil rights of others. Please submit nominations by August 15, 2021 https://tinyurl.com/HRCNOM Join us at the Ceremony: Howard County Conservancy 10520 Old Frederick Road Woodstock, MD 21163 October 19, 2021 6:30 p.m."/>

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HoCo By Design: General Plan



NEW TOWN/COLUMBIA DESIGN

Columbia is currently being evaluated on its own during the General Plan's summer public sessions. Click [here](#) for more.

Design Session: Residents recently participated in a New Town/Columbia design session, where they discussed what they love about Columbia, areas that need improvement, tolerance for redevelopment and intensity, important physical features and improvements, and support for infill development.

Open House: Illustrative design concepts were presented for survey feedback. The Village Centers, commercial corridors, parking lot infill, older apartment complexes, and employment centers were selected as settings for concept drawings showing both limited change and significant change.

Draft Plan Workshop: Coming in August. Stay tuned.

STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUPS

The following three advisory groups have been formed to discuss specific topics that challenge the planning process. Click [here](#) for more.

- Schools: planning for school facilities and population growth
- Housing: diversifying housing stock and creating missing middle housing options
- Environment: examining climate change and natural resources

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Planning Advisory Committee for HoCo By Design is made up of community representatives and serves as a sounding board to the project team about the community's needs and desires in the development of the General Plan. Recorded meetings are now available online; scroll to the "Schedule of Meetings" section. Click [here](#) for more.

Keeping up with Deb



The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Mathematics and Arts Complex at HCCC.

July has been busy with groundbreaking ceremonies that demonstrates our continued investment in the community. As an elected official, I am honored to participate in these events on behalf of the citizens and pleased to see how Howard County is moving forward in a positive, innovative way.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Bauder Education Center by the Howard County Action Council



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Shepherd Pratt Mental Health Facility



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Circuit Courthouse in Howard County.



The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Solar Energy Project in Howard County.

Community Updates

HCC APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Howard Community College's apprenticeship programs takes a modern approach to education. As apprentices, students learn the ropes of their industry with paid, on-the-job training. They complete their program with a certificate and the skills they need to secure a job. Often, employers support the costs associated with the education. Click [here](#) for more.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VISION CARE

Nearsighted, farsighted, need more sight? Correcting one's vision is such a major expense without adequate insurance and because of the cost it is many adjust to living in a blur. But there is assistance for covering the costs of eye exams, corrective glasses, and cataract surgery for those who qualify. Click [here](#) for more.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The many dedicated non-profit and grassroots organizations are requesting contributions from the community. Here are giving options:

School supplies for HCPSS students: [Prepare for Success](#)

Food and personal care items: [Columbia Community Care](#)

Shop for the foods YOU want!
Howard County Food Bank



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VILLAGE NEWS

[Wilde Lake](#)

[Harper's Choice](#)

[Hickory Ridge](#)

[River Hill](#)

[Town Center](#)

Upcoming Events

MERRIWEATHER POST PAVILION

Merriweather is pleased to announce their upcoming events for this season. Click [here](#) to see who is on the lineup.



CHRYSALIS

MERRIWEATHER PARK
AT SYMPHONY WOODS

CHRYSALIS CONCERT SERIES

Music, culture, art, kid's programming, and more: the Chrysalis is back with a full summer of events.

Click [here](#) for more.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION LAKEFRONT SERIES

July-September

free

Everyone is welcome to come out to the Downtown Columbia Lakefront for movies and concerts all summer long.

Click [here](#) for more.

Lakefront
Summer
Festival 2021



HARPERS CHOICE VILLAGE CONCERT SERIES

Fridays, 6-8pm

Enjoy live music right in your own backyard during the Village Center's concert series. Click [here](#) for more.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 3, 6-9pm

This annual event builds community relationships with the Police Department. The following District 4 locations are hosting events: Town Center, Harper's Choice, and Clarksville Commons.

