



DEB'S DISTRICT UPDATE

Deb Jung • District Four

I hope everyone has enjoyed the first week of beautiful weather in October and all of the month's fun outside events, from Hops and Harvest to Books in Bloom.

It has been busy here in Howard County as our students return to in-person school, athletics, and social activities that have been postponed for over a year. After a summer spike in the COVID rate due to the Delta variant, we are once more seeing a decline in COVID positivity. A recent Wall Street Journal article from September 30 foresees that COVID will soon become endemic, meaning it will be manageable. I am certainly hoping that their prediction is accurate.

I have also been busy these past two months planning and introducing legislation, as well as attending a variety of events. This past weekend I celebrated our LGBTQ community at the HoCo Pride Festival, honored the now retired Howard Community College president Kate Hetherington at the Chamber of Commerce's Signature Event, listened to interesting and insightful discussions at Books and Bloom, and answered questions at a large gathering of constituents in Laurel. I truly enjoy meeting the residents of District 4 and finding out what's on their minds. Please contact my office if you are interested in having me speak and answer queries for your group whether it is a boy scout troop or an HOA.

Finally, I hope you will read the section on the next page about affordable housing and school capacity. Development in Howard County rarely slows down and we continue to have more students in our schools than they were designed to hold. We have that situation before us right now and our choices are difficult when faced with severe school overcrowding versus development.

Deb

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Affordable Housing & Adequate Schools

In 2019, I supported the redevelopment proposal for five low-income, aging properties acquired by Enterprise Homes in Columbia into mixed-income apartments. I also supported a companion Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), which reduced property tax payments to make the project economically viable. Roslyn Rise, which currently has 58 low-income units, is the first of these five projects to move forward. The complex will be rebuilt with an additional 95 mixed-income units.

PILOT Tax Reduction

CR144 is currently before the Council requesting property tax payments equal to a minimum annual payment of 4.5% of its gross rental income minus County fire tax and ad valorem. Estimated taxes will be \$125,781 (year 1), \$658,240 (year 5), \$1.3 million (year 10), and \$3.1 million (year 20).

Construction Waiver in Overcrowded School Districts

CR145 is currently before the Council requesting to proceed with construction despite the assigned elementary school of Bryant Woods being closed to new construction due to overcrowding. The Adequate Public Facility Ordinance (APFO) prohibits construction for four years if a school meets or exceeds certain capacity thresholds but affordable housing projects are exempted from the wait period.

New Units, New Students, Old School

The projected yield for Roslyn Rise's new mixed-income units is expected to be a total

of 47 students (23 elementary, 11 middle school, and 13 high school). Four more Enterprise properties are being re-developed and at least one of these properties is zoned for Bryant Woods and will need to request an additional construction waiver.

Bryant Woods is projected to reach 136.6% capacity by 2024 making it one of the most overcrowded schools in Howard County. It is a Title One school that needs extra space for students receiving one-on-one or small-group instruction. There are currently six portables, which is the maximum number allowable. Board of Education member Vicki Cutroneo shared at the September 27 Worksession that teachers make the best use of space possible but these limitations are an impediment to meeting the students' needs.

The Dilemma

I support this project as I believe that the residents of Roslyn Rise, many of whom have relocated in anticipation of the start of construction, deserve modern units on the promised timeline. But I find the dilemma of providing stable housing at the cost of overcrowding a small, high-needs school to be unacceptable.

It has been suggested that this increase is minimal, but a glass that is filled to the brim still overflows with just one additional drop.

I understand the great strain that this puts on the school but I'm faced with no good options and I'm disappointed that there continues to be no coordination between housing development and school capacity.

ENTERPRISE BACKGROUND

In 2019, Enterprise acquired five properties (Roslyn Rise, Ranleigh Court, Rideout Heath, Fall River Terrace, and Waverly Winds). Enterprise petition the Zoning Board in 2019 to amend New Town’s development plan to allow for an increase of 300 units total. In the Zoning Board’s Decision and Order, we stated that each site could receive no more than 100 new units. During the Zoning Board hearings, we were not informed of the unit distribution across the sites and we were unable to consider school assignments as a part of the deliberations. I learned of Roslyn Rise’s intensive allocation and the burden it would put on Bryant Woods when CR144 and CR145 was filed.

Community	Existing Units	Planned Units	Increase # Units	Percent Increase
Roslyn Rise	58	153	95	264%
Ranleigh	41	76	35	185%
Rideout Heath	83	151	68	182%
Waverly Winds	62	100	38	161%
Fall River Terrace	56	120	64	214%
Totals	300	600	300	200%

Size of Properties	
Roslyn Rise	3.5 Acres
Waverly Winds	3.7 Acres
Rideout Heath	5.76 Acres
Fall River Terrace	2.84 Acres
Ranleigh	2.01 Acres

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Council Updates

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER LEGISLATION

The current legislative session includes the following highlights:

MY LEGISLATION

CB76 Removal of Exemption of Sole Source Contracts from the Living Wage Requirement

I was inspired by the Living Wage Rally held in September to introduce this bill. Currently Howard County has a Living Wage requirement for certain contractors that it does business with. The wage rate is adjusted annually and is currently \$15.93. However the current law exempts sole source contractors from paying employees involved in County contracts a Living Wage. This bill is a small step towards wage justice.

CB77 Hearing Examiner as Fact Finder in Zoning Board Cases.

This bill will assist in the quasi-judicial process of Zoning Board matters. The Zoning Board members will retain full decision-making authority and the Hearing Examiner will collect evidence, testimony, as well as establish the record. This bill was co-introduced with Christiana Rigby.

COUNCILMEMBERS' LEGISLATION

CB78 Forest Conservation Look-Back Provision & Specimen Tree Definition

The County's Forest Conservation Act

does not currently define specimen trees and contains a clearing and cutting loophole of specimen trees. This bill defines specimen trees as having a diameter of 24 inches and introduces a look-back provision so that forest retention requirements apply earlier in the subdivision process. This is a reintroduction of a previous bill. Liz Walsh

CB79 Forest Conservation Penalties: This is a reintroduction of a previous bill. Liz Walsh

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S LEGISLATION

CR154 State Assistance Request for FY23

HCPSS Capital Budget: The school system is requesting funds for ongoing Capital projects, including construction of High School #13 and Hammond High School renovation, as well as systemic renovations. No new construction projects are proposed in FY23.



DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

Design Advisory Panel: Oct 27, 7pm; review plans for- Scott Property, Clarksville; click [here](#) for more.

Pre-Submission Meeting: Nov 9, 6.30pm; Yoltay Property, 7079 Guilford Road, Conditional use for two-family dwelling; click [here](#) for more.

Council Legislation: Click [here](#).

Council Updates

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER LEGISLATION

The Council returned from its summer recess with a Legislative Session on September 8. The final vote was held on October 7.

MY LEGISLATION

CB65 ZRA Sign Posting Requirements

I sponsored this legislation to address a serious lack of public notice. Currently zoning text amendments do not have a public notification process that announces the petition's appearance before the Planning Board. My legislation requires petitioners who own the affected property to post the parcels. ZRAs sponsored by Howard County or Councilmembers will be posted at the George Howard Building. And all ZRAs will be listed on a dedicated webpage accessible via the County government's homepage. *Passed as amended*

COUNCILMEMBERS' LEGISLATION

CB66 Removal of Forest Conservation Applicability Exemptions: Planned Unit Developments (including Turf Valley) are exempt from Forest Conservation; this bill removes that exemption. Liz Walsh; *Tabled*

CB67 Remittance of the Disposable Bag Fee: Retailers will be given more compliance time for remitting disposable bag fees to the County. Christiana Rigby and Opel Jones. *Passed*

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S LEGISLATION

CR140-141 & CR143 Solar PILOTs: These three

resolutions provide tax abatements for solar electricity generation on agricultural preserve land. Here are the terms:

- **Real Property:** 50% exemption for the first 10 years; 25% for years 11 to 20
- **Personal Property:** 100% exemption for the first 10 years, 50% for years 11 to 20
Tabled

CR142 Nixon Solar PILOTs: This proposed PILOT includes a personal property tax abatement of 100% in the first 10 years and 50% for years 11-20 on the condition that the landowner pays \$1 per year in lieu of exempted taxes. The total tax abatement is \$292,050. This piece of legislation is an addendum to an older PILOT from 2014 granting abatement on real property only. *Tabled*

CB64 Specimen Tree Removal: Property owners will need a notice to proceed from the Department of Planning and Zoning before removing specimen trees on a residential lot of one acre or larger. A specimen tree is defined as 75% diameter of the state champion and 4.5 feet above the ground or a tree that is 30 inches in diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground. *Tabled*

SAO1 FY22 BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

Transfer of \$476,969 from the General Fund to the Police, State's Attorney and Sheriff's offices. *Passed as amended*

Council Updates

COUNCILMANIC REDISTRICTING 2021

On September 14, the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission met to discuss the final census data. Population growth has occurred in Districts 1 and 2, requiring precinct shifts to Districts 3, 4, and 5.

District	Population	Difference from Ideal	% from Ideal
1	69,644	3,181	4.8%
2	70,899	4,436	6.7%
3	64,998	(1,465)	-2.2%
4	61,947	(4,516)	-6.8%
5	64,316	(2,147)	-3.2%

The Commission proposed boundary changes at their October 12 Worksession. Click [here](#) for more.

Upcoming dates include:

- October 26: Public Hearing
- October 29: Public written comments
- November 2: Worksession on public input
- November 9: Commission-recommended map adoption
- November 22: Presentation of Commission maps to the County Council

SCHOOL SURCHARGE REPORT

The County is required to send an annual report to the General Assembly on the school surcharge and residential development.

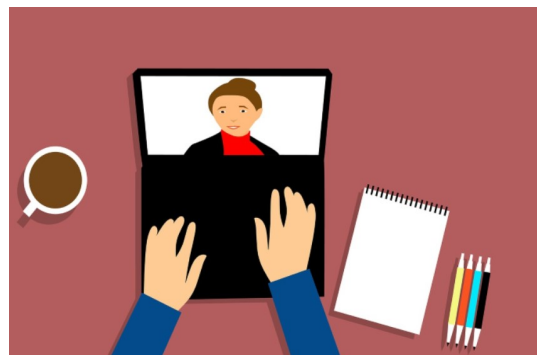
In 2020, a total of 1812 units were built; this is the second highest number of units for the reporting period since 2017 (2147 units). Of the total, there were 379/239 single family detached/attached units and 1194 apartment units.

Amount of fees collected in 2020 was \$4.5 million and in 2021 was \$9.4 million. Annual surcharge fees are used to fund future debt service payments. Outstanding debt service is \$35,928,967.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- October 18, 7pm — Legislative Public Hearing
- October 25, 1pm — Legislative Work Session
- November 1, 7pm — Legislative Session
- November 3, 1pm — Monthly Meeting
- November 15, 7pm — Legislative Public Hearing



Keeping up with Deb



Robinson Overlook Grand Opening: 43 affordable housing units



Recently restored stained-glass window at the Howard County Historical Society



2021 Soil Conservation District Cooperators Dinner and 75th



Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



Books in Bloom



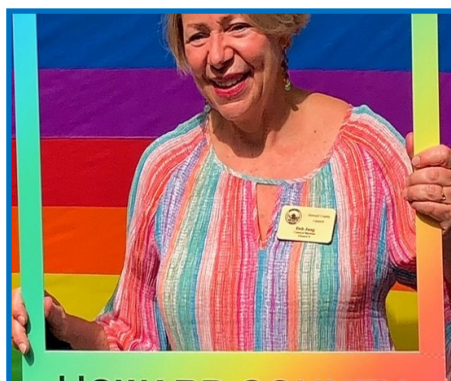
HoCo PRIDE Event 2021



Howard County Living Wage Kickoff



Howard County Chamber Signature Event



HoCo PRIDE Event 2021

School Updates

FY23 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Superintendent and the Board of Education have approved the FY23 budget request for capital projects. The request is currently in front of the County Council as CR154 for presentation to the State for funding assistance. Click [here](#) for more.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Education

October 21, 4 & 7pm

November 2, 4 & 7pm

November 18, 4 & 7pm

Coffee & Conversation

October 23, 9:30-11am

Click [here](#) for more.

CONGRATULATIONS WILDE LAKE STUDENTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Wilde Lake Students for Social Justice (S4SJ) has been named the recipient of the 2021 Howard County Human Rights Commission's Colette Roberts Organization Award.

S4SJ focuses on societal issues and restorative justice by discussing current social issues and developing action plans. Activities led by S4SJ include movie nights with follow-up discussions about students' race and ethnic identities as well as a diversity book drive for a feeder elementary school. S4SJ also partnered with community groups to enact the Black Lives Matter School Week of Action, aimed at improving the school experience for students of color.

Bus Driver Hiring Fair

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**Friday, October 15
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Wilde Lake High School Cafeteria

**Interviews conducted on site.
Bring resume and complete driving
record from MVA, if available**

For vacancy information, visit: hcpssne.ws/drivers

WHO GETS A PFIZER BOOSTER?



Calvin Ball
County Executive

Howard County
Health Department



COVID-19 booster doses are available to some recipients of the Pfizer vaccine at least 6 months after their second dose, based on the following recommendations:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings;
- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions;
- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions, based on their individual benefits and risks; and
- people aged 18–64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting based on their individual benefits and risks.



Patients should talk to their healthcare providers to determine individual benefits and risks of receiving a booster dose. Find a clinic near you at

[vaccine.howardcountymd.gov](https://www.vaccine.howardcountymd.gov)

County Updates

JUSTICE FOR RABIAH

Marking the one-year anniversary of her death, Howard County Police continue to investigate the fatal shooting of Rabiah Ahmad, who was sitting inside her home on Dovecote Drive when the bullet struck her. She was 28 weeks pregnant. She and the baby, named Ahja, later died at the hospital. The police are asking for any information related to the case. A reward of \$30,000 is being offered.

Click [here](#) for more.

COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN MANUAL

This technical document guides the design of Howard County streets for multimodal use. An updated draft version is now available for public comment. Click [here](#) for more.

Upcoming Workshop:

- October 21, 2pm, technical overview of the Complete Streets Design Manual



Congratulations

Howard County Employee of the Year

Courtney Barkley



Fire Department Receives American Heart Association Award

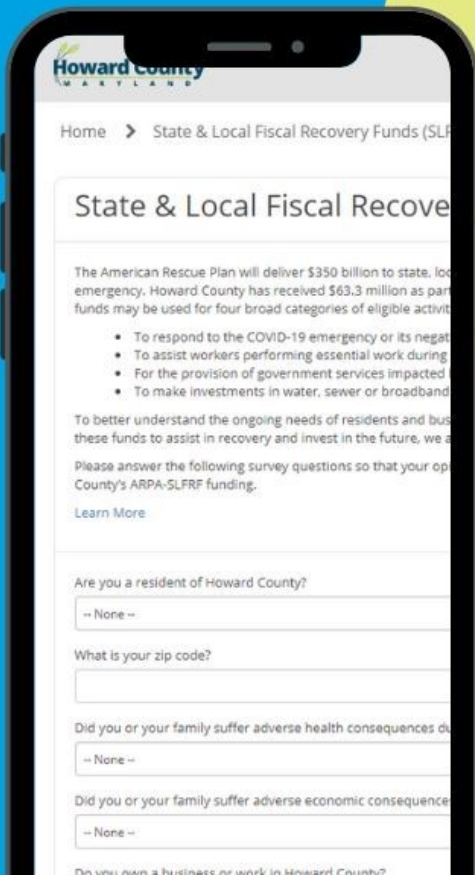
Department of Fire and Rescue Services has been honored with an American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Plus Award for 2020 based on response measures for cardiac emergencies.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AWARD

Deadline October 29

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Commission is seeking nominations for its annual "Living the Dream" award. This honor goes to an individual or organization for promoting the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr through community involvement. Click [here](#) for more. Howard County students are invited to participate in the annual essay, oratory, and poster contest. Click [here](#) for more.

County Updates



**We want
to hear
from you.**

Howard County has been allocated \$63.2 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan - provide input on how funding should be used.



Take our survey online at:
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HoCo By Design: General Plan

HoCo By Design has entered into its draft plan phase. Workshops presented a draft Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and key topics related to the rural west, activity centers, different housing options, environment, and growth management.

Click [here](#) for more.



A special workshop on New Town/Columbia Design sessions looked at village centers, commercial corridors, parking lot infill, older apartment redevelopment, and employment centers. Click [here](#) for more.

Community Updates

THANK YOU, KATE HETHERINGTON

I would like to extend sincere gratitude to now retired Howard Community College President Kate Hetherington. She did an unbelievable job steering the school through the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrated outstanding fiscal stewardship, was accessible to the community and elected officials, and approached her tenure with thoughtfulness and decisiveness. Thank you for your years of service. You'll be a hard act to follow.



COLUMBIA NAMED SAFEST CITY IN THE U.S.

For the fourth year in a row, Columbia has been recognized as WalletHub's Safest City in America. Columbia competed against 182 U.S. cities, including the 150 most populated cities, across three criteria: home and community safety, natural-disaster risk, and financial safety. I'm so proud to call this wonderful place my home.

CONGRATULATIONS CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGE FINALISTS

This annual "great ideas" project awards grants totaling \$60,000. The finalists include:

- **The 3rd:** Create a space in downtown Columbia run by, supplied by, and incubates women of color entrepreneurs.
- **4Girls2STEM:** Launch a STEM program for girls of color.
- **Alston for Athletes:** Provide youth mental health first aid training to athletic directors, coaches and trainers
- **The Community Ecology Institute:** Transform lawns into ecologically beneficial food-growing spaces.
- **Howard County Lynching Truth & Reconciliation, Inc.:** Create an online interactive resource about our history
- **HoCo Pirate Adventures, Inc** – Create a free app for pirate-themed scavenger hunts in local parks
- **Oakland Mills Online:** Launch an in-school speaker series to exposes high school students to real-world work and life experiences.
- **Kits to Heart:** Improve the mental and emotional well-being of those affected by cancer through an innovative art therapy program
- **Upcycled, Inc:** Upgrade the recycling center to an "Upcycling" process and interactive educational area.
- **Howard County Autism Society:** Support the Autism Hiring Program.

Community Updates

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VILLAGE NEWS

[Wilde Lake](#)

[Harper's Choice](#)

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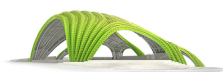
[River Hill](#)

[Town Center](#)

Upcoming Events

MERRIWEATHER POST PAVILION

Merriweather is pleased to announce their lineup for this year's season. Click [here](#) for more.



CHRYSALIS
MERRIWEATHER PARK
AT SYMPHONY WOODS

CHRYSALIS CONCERT SERIES

Music, art, culture, kid's programming, and more: the Chrysalis boasts a full fall of events. Click [here](#) for more.

COLUMBIA ORCHESTRA

Jim Rouse Theatre; lick [here](#) for more.

Concert Schedule

- Comeback Concert: Oct. 16
- The Planets: Dec 4
- Family Holiday Concert: Dec 18
- The Pines of Rome: Feb 5
- Symphonic Pops: Mar 12
- Young People's Concert: Mar 26
- Mahler's First: May 21



UNDESIGN THE RED LINE

It's back! Sign up for a tour or stop by the Central Branch to visit Undesign the Redline. Tour the exhibit on your own, as part of a public tour, or with a group in a private tour. The exhibit resides in the Central Branch's new Racial Equity Resource Center.

Click [here](#) for more.

WALKTOBER

October celebrates Maryland's official exercise: walking. Join a month's worth of get active activities, ranging from free fitness classes to historic walks. Click [here](#) for more.



Upcoming Events



Celebrating The Culinary Talent of Men In and Around Howard County

MEN IN THE KITCHEN

October 24, 4-6pm

Virtual; Click [here](#) for more.

Join the 27th annual celebration to support the Howard County Center of African American Culture with this online cooking demonstration

and at-home catered meals. This year's chef will be

Stephen Robinson. The center experienced a devastating flood in February 2021 due to a broken pipe in the ceiling; this fundraiser will help the museum build back better.

High School Students and Staff to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a

Virtual Book Club



Fat Chance, Charlie Vega
by Crystal Maldonado

THREE VIRTUAL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER AND DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR!

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT SOCIETY

October 30, 7.30pm

St. Louis Church; click [here](#) for more.

This concert series will feature the East Coast Chamber Orchestra showcasing Bach concertos. Joining the ensemble will be Israeli-born pianist Shai Vosner melds.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Columbia Sportspark

October 30, 4-7pm

free

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with Trunk or Treat at Columbia Sports Park. After candy and treats, stick around and enjoy a round of mini golf and games, including:

- Snowball fight
- Axe (plastic) throwing
- Bean bag toss
- Obstacle course
- Tennis fun

Click [here](#) for more.

