

Councilman Mike Ertel 6th District Newsletter



PROUDLY SERVING HILLENDALE, LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE, MIDDLE RIVER, OVERLEA, PARKVILLE, ROSEDALE + TOWSON



One of my priorities for Baltimore County is **more economic development** – simply we need to work collectively to attract new employers to the county. We also need to do a better job of helping small businesses. **Small businesses are responsible for nearly 89% of all U.S. job growth over the past few years.**

New Legislation

Bill 35-26

Auxiliary Police Length of Service & Award Program – Minimum Benefit Payments

Increases the minimum benefit to a qualifying active volunteer member of the auxiliary police team of BCPD.

Bill 37-26

2026 Basic Services Maps

Repeals the 2025 maps and adopts new Basic Services Maps for sewerage, water supply, and transportation for 2026.

Bill 53-26

Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses – Dangerous Weapons Prohibited

Prohibits a person from selling certain dangerous weapons such as brass knuckles and switchblades.

Bill 63-26

Employees Retirement System – County Council Members – Repeal of Bill 40-24 – Clarification on Effective Date of Repeal

Edited the date of enactment of Bill 40-24 to apply retroactively to April 10, 2026.

I wanted to share a few positive developments in the county and also in the 6th District:

- *The largest container shipper in the world, MSC, is building a new \$1.2 billion shipping berth at **Tradepoint Atlantic** (former Bethlehem Steel site). This new port berth will directly add 1,000+ new, high paying port worker jobs and up to 7,000 additional jobs for the area.*
- *In Towson, **Lib's Grill** is opening its newest location at 210 West Pennsylvania in the Court Towers Building (corner of Bosley + Pennsylvania) on June 1. Lib's Grill will be a very welcome and needed restaurant venue for downtown Towson.*
- *Also in Towson, **Dick's Sporting Goods** opened in Towson Marketplace in early May.*
- *In Parkville, we are excited about the redevelopment of the former Parkville VFW at 8123 Harford Road by Mountain Christian Church and especially its **Epicenter** (Parkville Promise) which will feature before + after child care, youth classrooms, summer camp, possible health clinic + food pantry, workforce development programs and financial literacy classes. We are excited for the energy and activity that the Epicenter will bring to Parkville.*
- ***Rocco's Old School Italian & Wine Bar** in Loch Raven opened up in April. The new restaurant took over the former Glory Days at 1220 E Joppa Rd.*

-Mike

Budget Message



As Chairman of the Baltimore County Council, I was privileged to present the FY2027 budget message on May 21.

Annual Ceremony of Remembrance



On April 26, I honored our fallen fire service members that lost their lives in the line of duty.

Recognizing our public safety officials

BCoFD Announces Twelve Additional Battalion Chief Positions



On April 15, I attended the announcement of 12 new battalion chiefs. These positions will be filled by existing Baltimore County firefighters to lead our Fire Department.



Annual Police Memorial Service

On May 8, I paid my respects to our fallen heroes of the Baltimore County Police Department in Patriot Plaza in Towson.





Annual Towson Cleanup Day on April 18



Hillendale Dumpster Day on May 2



In the Community, With the Community

It takes dedication to make positive changes in our communities. I am grateful for all of the neighbors, friends, public servants, and all who volunteer to make our communities thrive.

Here are a few of the events that I took part in throughout my district:



Community Connectors public art beautification project in Historic East Towson on April 18



Annual paper shredding and food donation event hosted by Towson Communities Alliance on April 24



Baltimore County Earth Day Cleanup with the Department of Environmental Protection on April 22



Officer Goorevitz Retirement



We honored Officer Jason Goorevitz on April 29 for his 28 years of dedicated service to Baltimore County. We are so grateful for his stewardship and commitment to the residents of Parkville.

Memorial Day



On May 24, the Towson American Legion and Towson Elks placed Wreaths at the Wayside Cross and the Vietnam and Gulf War Memorials. On May 23, Scout Troops 828 and 729 placed flags on veterans' graves at Prospect Hill Cemetery. It was an honor to be a part of these sacred events.

Al Harris Recognition



On April 28, I presented a citation to Al Harris Jr. at the Holland Hill Community meeting. Al did a tremendous job working on both the Baltimore County Council Structure Workgroup and 2025 Redistricting Commission. His work has literally helped shape how our county is configured. We (District 6) are grateful for his commitment and efforts.

Towson Festival



It was a beautiful day at the Towsontown Spring Festival on May 2. A big thanks to the Towson Chamber of Commerce & Towson Main Street Collaborative for their hard work on this annual event.

Highlights From Around The District

Animal Services Bill Signing



I was glad to join the County Executive on May 12 for the bill signing of the animal welfare legislative package. We are super grateful for the efforts made by the Department of Health, and Animal Services, and all the animal advocates that worked hard on this issue.

TABCO Dinner



On May 14, It was a pleasure to celebrate the dedicated retirees and award winners at the TABCO (Teachers Association of Baltimore County) 62nd Annual Retirement and Recognition Dinner. It's always important to recognize the incredible impact our educators have on our students, families and communities.

AAPI Candidate Forum



I was glad to join the Asian American Alliance for Action organization as they hosted an engaging candidate forum in Rosedale on May 17.

D6 Community Spotlight

We would like to highlight a business in district 6: **Say Squeeze**, a specialty beverage company founded by Towson-local Melissa Baker.

Say Squeeze



Q: Can you tell us a little bit about how you started the business?

A: Two summers ago, my then 11-year-old son, Camden was looking for ways to make money. I had an idea to make a lemonade stand, but elevated.....no powdery mix. I was thinking freshly squeezed, giant cups, flavor options and a fun garnish on top. So I sent him to set up outside our local pool with some supplies, and a few hours later, he came home with a pocket full of cash. Say Squeeze was born, and we slowly started to learn the ins and outs of starting a small business.

Q: Do you do events or do you have a main shop?

A: Our initial set up was a single table and now we have a converted horse trailer we will be selling from. We have some weekly markets we do, including the Towson Farmer's Market and the Savage Farmers Market, and new for this year is the Pikesville Farmers Market. We also do festivals, fairs, private catered events, food truck nights and lunch service for corporate and government businesses. All of our ingredients are 100% kosher as well, and we would love to start doing some bar/bat mitzvah parties! Our IG is @saysqueeze21212, and we post our whereabouts weekly during the season.

Q: What are your most popular flavors?

We offer about 14 flavors of lemonades, limeades and iced teas, with strawberry lemonade being our top seller. Another drink that has developed a cult-like following is our Brazilian Limeade, a deliciously tart and creamy treat.

Upcoming Events in District 6

Overlea Community Association
Overlea Farmers Market
 2026



June 6
 June 20
 July 4
 July 18
 Aug 1
 Aug 15
 Aug 29
 Sept 12
 Sept 26
 Oct 10
 Oct 24

8:30-12:30
 NEW LOCATION: St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church
 8 W Overlea Avenue, 21206
facebook.com/overleafarmersmarket




FEET ON THE STREET
 JUNE 5 & AUGUST 7
 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
 BETWEEN YORK ROAD AND WASHINGTON AVE

6 PM - 9 PM

LIVE BAND
 VINTAGE CLOTHING
 CRAFT VENDORS
 FOOD
 COCKTAILS





MTABC AMERICA 250 MIDDLE RIVER FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA
 CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM

Annual Fireworks Extravaganza on Middle River

The Fireworks Extravaganza over Middle River has become a cherished tradition bringing our community together in a celebration of patriotism, unity, and the beauty of our water life in Baltimore County.

July 4, 2026
9:15pm



Annual Towson Fireworks

July 4, 2026
9:00pm

Loch Raven Academy Field
8101 Lasalle Rd



Fullerton Fireworks Celebration & Music Festival 2026
 Now a full day of family fun starting at 2:00 PM, with music, food and fireworks!

July 4, 2026
 Food & Music - 2:00pm
 Fireworks - 9:15pm
 Fullerton Park
4304 Fullerton Avenue

Towson Farmers Market

The Towson Farmers Market brings organic, locally grown foods & hand crafted products to the Towson community.

The 2025 season is open on Thursdays from **June 4 - November 19, 2026** on Allegheny Avenue.

When: **10:30am - 2:30pm**

Upcoming Events in District 6

BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



REGISTER NOW



DATE: JULY 6-11, 2026

DEADLINE: JUNE 12, 2026 AGES: 14 TO 18

YOUTHACADEMY@BALTIMORECOUNTYMD.GOV Or 410.887.1394

LOCATION: POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY
CCBC/DUNDALK CAMPUS
7200 SOLLERS POINT RD.
BALTIMORE, MD 21222



Love Native Plants?
ENTER YOUR GARDEN

Open for Entries! JUNE 8 - JULY 7

Find out more at nativegardencontest.com



SCAN ME



WHO CAN ENTER?

Anyone who lives in a Towson neighborhood and has put effort into growing native plants, shrubs, and/or trees.

Winners will be announced on August 11

WHAT KIND OF GARDEN?

Entries can be an entire yard or a specific garden bed on your property. If you have a rain garden (designed to reduce lawn runoff) or a garden that features trees (special care for a mature native tree or replacement of a non-native tree with a native canopy tree), we encourage you to also enter the contest.

With Support from...



Ridgely Manor Park

1630 Yakona Road, Towson, MD 21286

LIVE MUSIC!

FREE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY

Friday, June 12th | 5 - 7 pm



Patrick Alban and his Buena Vista Social



neighborspacebaltimorecounty.org

PARKVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL PRESENTS

MUSIC AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Music By

- Ronnie Wayne & The Tidewater Band
- Sean & D.C.
- Love Hate Mix Tape
- Weeds Over Woodstock
- Area 52

Saturday, July 18th

12pm - 6pm

Putty Hill Park

8600 Hoerner Ave * Parkville

Bring your blankets or folding chairs and spend the day in the park



Food Truck Line Up

- Mr. Soft
- Charles Village Pub
- Deli-ish
- Dough Slingers
- Once Upon a Potato
- Kona Ice
- From the Heart
- And More.....

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