

Councilman Mike Ertel 6th District Newsletter

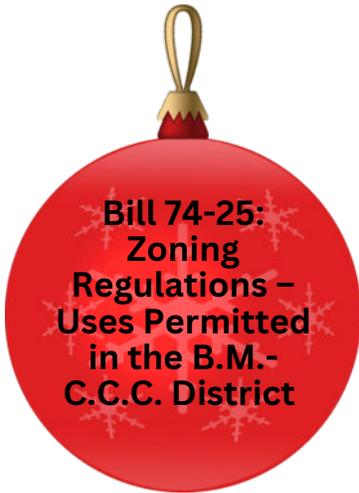


PROUDLY SERVING HILLENDALE, LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE, MIDDLE RIVER, OVERLEA, PARKVILLE, ROSEDALE + TOWSON



As a councilperson, I hear about "Quality of Life" problems that residents in our district have in their daily lives. They can include problem neighbors, speeding in your neighborhood, roads that need repaving, and worries about crime. We hear those concerns and are always working on continuous improvement.

If you read through this newsletter, you will see some of the many positive things happening in our 6th District communities:



**Bill 74-25:
Zoning
Regulations –
Uses Permitted
in the B.M.-
C.C.C. District**

A zoning change that permits offices, including co-working spaces, with commercial kitchens, in the Commercial Community Core (C.C.C.) District within the Overlea-Rossville Commercial Revitalization District.



**Bill 73-25:
Zoning
Regulations –
Artisan
Manufacturing**

Allows a makerspace in business zones for artisan manufacturers. This can include small scale manufacturing such as carpentry shops and candlemakers.



**Bill 75-25: Rental
Property
Inspections –
Authorizations
and Enforcement**

Expands the authority of Baltimore County Code Enforcement officials to inspect properties, especially for fire safety standards or overrenting issues



**PROPOSED BILL:
Towson Rental
Density
Restrictions**

This pending legislation would address the rental density limits in the Towson community. It is a pilot program that would regulate the percentage of houses in a neighborhood that have rental housing licenses.

New Legislation

Towson High School Renovation

It was an honor to attend the Oct. 23rd official groundbreaking for Towson High School's major renovation and expansion project.





Holland Hill Community Cleanup on Oct. 18th



Linover's Halloween Costume Contest



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:



Built a new playset for a local resident's daughter who had it accidentally taken away by trash collectors

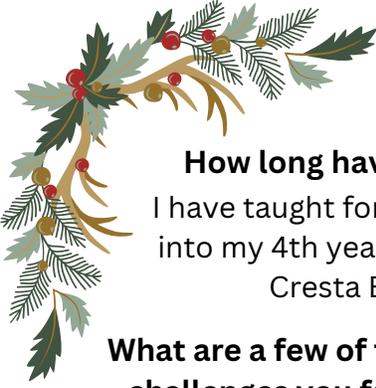


Harford Park Stream Cleanup on Nov. 8th



Rosedale Community Police walk on Oct. 3rd





District 6's Community Spotlight

How long have you been a teacher?

I have taught for 17 years. I am going into my 4th year of teaching at Villa Cresta Elementary.

What are a few of the biggest challenges you face daily?

Time! There is never enough time in the day to do all of the things I need to do. I wish I had more time with each of my students. I wish I had more time to plan, develop, & prepare materials for my lessons, complete my paperwork. Etc.

Relating to time, is the challenge of being the only English Language Development (ELD) teacher for a large academically diverse population. I have students in the ELD program who are also deaf, have developmental delays, have minimal to no English, etc., so providing each of my 59 multilingual learners (MLs) with services that meet their specific needs and works within their range of abilities in a five day school-week is definitely challenging.

What's your favorite part of your job?

Without a doubt, building relationships with the children. I love connecting with my students and learning about their lives, their interests, their cultures, and their personalities. This is what makes my job so much fun. I also deeply believe in the adage, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." My students know that I care about them, which makes them more receptive and eager to learn.

Lori Obler

Villa Cresta Elementary's English Language Development Teacher



How many students do you currently teach in the program?

Currently, there are 59 children in the program.

What languages are in your classroom?

My students speak Spanish, French, Arabic, Urdu, Amharic, Nepali, Gujarati, and Wolof.



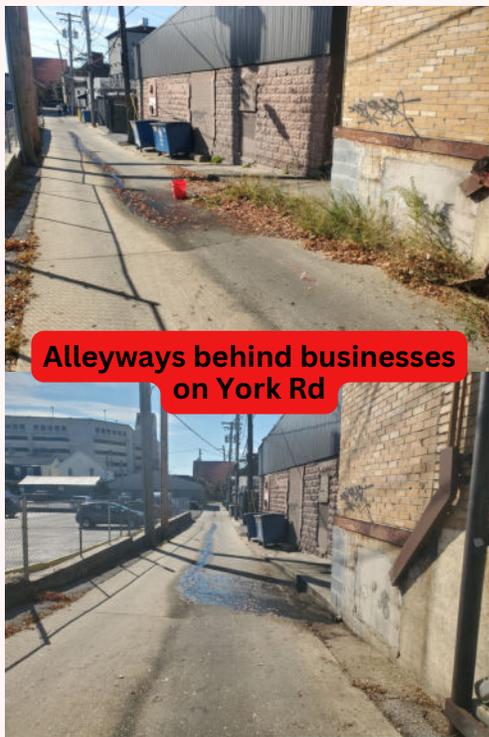
ACTC Thanksgiving Meals

Each year, the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) provides holiday meals to families in need. This year, they had over 3,400 Thanksgiving meals prepared to give to families across Baltimore County & City.

I volunteered on November 24th to hand out the bags of food items, turkeys, and freshly baked goods. It felt great to participate in this effort with a vital organization in the Towson Community.



Cleaning Up the District



Alleyways behind businesses on York Rd

- Weeding and trash Clean-up around downtown Towson
- Cleaned up at Taylor and Loch Raven – medians, sidewalks, and lawns (Loch Raven Village / Hillendale)
- Cleared drains, weeding, and litter patrol along Taylor Avenue between Westmoreland and Park
- Cleared drains, weeded along medians, and trash clean-up on Oakleigh Road between Darlington + Perring Pkwy (Parkville)
- Overlea High Bus Stop litter Clean-up
- Hillen Road litter Clean-up and graffiti removal between LR Blvd + Goucher Blvd. (Glendale Glenmont area)
- Holland Hill Alley bush and tree trimming
- Removed graffiti along York Road between Cross Campus Drive and Sussex Road (Wiltondale)
- Trash Clean-Up along Hazelwood Avenue



Medians @ Joppa & Providence

- Trash Clean-Up in downtown Parkville
- Trash Clean-Up at Fullerton Bus Stops
- Trash Clean-Up on Square Ridge Road between Rossville Blvd and Ridge Road (Rosedale)
- Trash Clean-Up on Sherwood Road (Idlewyld)
- Trash Clean Up on Burke Avenue between Maryland Avenue + York Road (Burkleigh Square)



Emergency cleanup with neighbors on Hillen & Colbury Rd



INSPECTOR GENERAL & BCPS LEGISLATION



On October 20th, I attended a press conference in Annapolis announcing a proposed bill for the 2026 Maryland General Assembly legislative session that would enhance the authority of the Baltimore County Inspector General (IG) over Baltimore County Public Schools.

This bill would allow the Baltimore County Council to grant the IG's office the authority to review issues involving waste, fraud, or any other wrongdoing in our schools.

A big thanks to Delegate Ryan Nawrocki, Senator Carl Jackson, and Councilman David Marks for their support on this important legislation.



I was proud to stand with my Baltimore County colleagues at a press conference on Oct. 31st to address the threat of expiring SNAP benefits.

Baltimore County announced \$4 million in funding for food assistance to families facing financial insecurity.

A big thanks to CE Kathy Klausmeier for her leadership during the 43-day shutdown in providing help to those struggling to put a meal on their tables.

FOOD ASSISTANCE PRESS CONFERENCE



DEMOCRATIC UNITY DINNER



Had a great time at the annual Baltimore County Democratic Party Unity Dinner. It was invigorating to hear from other leaders as we continue the work to preserve and strengthen democracy.

Featured in the photo are five Towson High School students: Lucy, Ayla, Harrison, Will and Molly, members of the Towson High Democrats, the local chapter of the High School Democrats of America.

LOCH RAVEN HIGH SCHOOL



Visited Loch Raven High on Nov. 10th where I met the new principal, Jen Martinez. She has dramatically changed the standard of behavior, attendance, and achievement there in just 2 months.

VETERAN'S DAY



I was honored to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at Towson's historic Wayside Cross, on 11/11, at 11 a.m. It's a fantastic event organized by the Towson American Legion Post 22 and the Towson Elks #469.

Upcoming Events in District 6

OVERLEA
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Saturday, December 13
7:00pm

Holiday Tree
Lighting 7209 Belair Rd

BALTIMORE COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



DECEMBER 5, 2025 | 6:00-7:30 PM
ALLEGHENY AVENUE BETWEEN
YORK ROAD & WASHINGTON AVENUE

THE GLENN L. MARTIN
MARYLAND AVIATION MUSEUM

Holiday
**PLANE & TRAIN
GARDEN**

NOV. 29 - JAN. 4
WED, FRI, SAT, SUN
(PLUS DEC 29 & 30)
11AM - 4PM

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE ON
WWW.MDAIRMUSEUM.ORG

\$3 ADMISSION
MEMBERS & BABIES FREE
SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE

MARYLAND AEROSPACE HERITAGE CENTER
2323 EASTERN BLVD | MIDDLE RIVER, MD

TOWSON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**FIRE & ICE
COOKIE CRAWL**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

DECEMBER 12

COOKIES | ICE SCULPTURES | GIVEAWAYS
BE ENTERED TO WIN PRIZES!

DOWNTOWN TOWSON
WWW.TOWSONCHAMBER.COM

SANTA ARRIVES BY PLANE!

- NOV. 29 | 11:00 AM ARRIVAL
- MARTIN STATE AIRPORT TOWER
- MEET AND GREET WITH SANTA @ TRAIN GARDEN TO FOLLOW
- FREE ADMISSION
- FREE PARKING

CHECK WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATION DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES
WWW.MDAIRMUSEUM.ORG

Let's Get This Christmas Season Started

**Middle River Lighted
Boat Parade** style!

The Mid-Atlantic's Largest Lighted Boat Parade and almost the largest in the U.S.A. **The Evening of NOVEMBER 29TH**

A Great Middle River Tradition! Always Close to 100 Boats!!!

Come Join the Fun!

Holiday Train Garden at The Fire Museum of Maryland

Extended 2025 Hours:

Opening Day: Saturday, November 29: 10–4

Take a Free photo with Santa, November 29 only: 11–2

Sunday, Nov. 30: Noon–4

Saturday, Dec. 6: 10–4

Sunday, Dec. 7: Noon–4

Saturday, Dec. 13: 10–4

Sunday, Dec. 14: Noon–4

Saturday, Dec. 20: 10–4

Sunday, Dec. 21: Noon–4

Closed Dec. 24 & 25

Holiday Week Hours:

Friday– Saturday, Dec. 26 & 27: 10–4

Sunday, Dec. 28: Noon–4

Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 29 & 30: 10–4

Tickets at the door. The Train Garden is included with your paid admission to the Museum.

Members are always free! Ask about a membership.



1301-R York Road, Lutherville, MD 21093
FireMuseumMD.org. 410-321-7500



The United States Army Field Band
The Musical Ambassadors of the Army
Washington, DC

Sound The Bells

DEAR SANTA

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 6 & 7 FREE CONCERT

2:00 PM

U.S. ARMY

WWW.ARMYFIELDBAND.COM

Holiday Concert With Camerata Musica - Sounds of the Season

Saturday, December 13: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Camerata Musica, an energetic group of singers who specialize in madrigal pieces with rich harmonies, performs a seasonal set for the winter holidays.

Towson Library - 320 York Rd.



WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Winter Fest 2025

Train Garden Hours

OPEN FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 28

Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

NOVEMBER 28TH • 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY'S: 12:00 – 6:00 PM

(Open for those with special needs and group tours, to schedule contact winterfest@wmvfc.org)

THURSDAY'S & FRIDAY'S: 3:00 – 8:00 PM

SATURDAY'S & SUNDAY'S: 12:00 – 8:00 PM



Breakfast with Santa

Presented by Richardson Farms

December 13th & 14th

9:00 – 11:00 am



For Event Tickets Scan QR Code



For event tickets log onto Eventbrite at: WMVFC-BreakfastWithSanta.eventbrite.com

Tree Lot Hours

NOVEMBER 28: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 12:00 – 8:00 PM • SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

BENEFITING THE WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
10331 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh, MD 21162



THE GROUP AT KENILWORTH

HOLIDAY Train Garden

NOVEMBER 22 - JANUARY 4

Santa Claus

CHRISTMAS

SPONSORED BY

ST PAUL'S SCHOOLS

MILB GROUP

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