

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:

- **New businesses opening.**
- **Communities like Hillendale, that are resurrecting their Neighborhood Association and sponsoring a Clean-Up and Dumpster Day Event.**
- **Baltimore County improving its senior centers, schools, installing new sidewalks and speed humps for better pedestrian safety and adding new capabilities to our current services to residents.**
- **Volunteer groups like the Lions Club, Student Support Network and LUMA helping out at our county schools.**
- **Community based groups running Farmers' Markets, Trunk or Treats, Festivals, fitness events + classes and Halloween Parades.**

We live in a vibrant county and one way we can all make it even better is to go out and participate, give back and even seek help if you need it.

Happy Halloween and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

-Mike

New Legislation

Bill 49-25

This bill, that I cosponsored, establishes a Department of Agriculture in Baltimore County.

Redistricting Maps

The County Council approved an amended version of **Bill 55-25** at the legislative session on September 15th by a vote of 5-2.

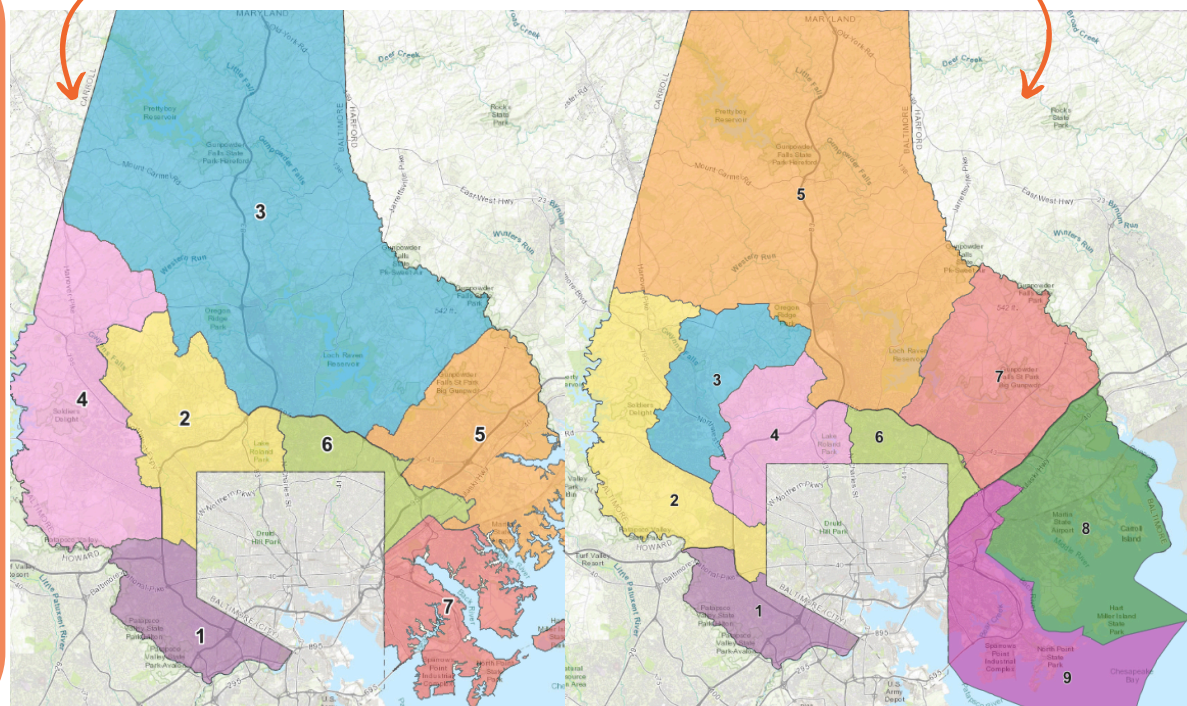
This bill expands the number of councilmanic districts from seven to nine. The new councilmanic district boundaries approved in Bill 55-25 will be effective for the 2026 County Council elections.

An in-depth view of the new councilmanic maps can be viewed under Bill 55-25, Exhibit A at

www.countycouncil.baltimorecountymd.gov/legislation/

Old/Current Map

New Map





Hillendale Community Cleanup on Sept. 13th

County Council Update at Alice's hosted by the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 20th

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:



Dept. of Aging's Annual 5k on Sept. 21st



Edenwald's 40th anniversary celebration on Sept 3rd

Parkville Precinct Officer Nicholas Borsa received the 2024 Officer of the Year award on Sept. 23rd



Towson Nepalese Student Association's Music Festival on Sep 26th

New Openings in District 6

Eastside Shelter



My staff attended the St. Vincent de Paul (SDVP) Baltimore Eastside Shelter Collaborative Celebration on Sept. 3rd. SDVP

Eastside Shelter is a 236-bed shelter, offering essential resources and a safe, supportive environment for families, single women, and single men who are facing homelessness, helping them regain stability and secure permanent housing as quickly as possible.

In addition, the support services and programs they offer include: workshops, case management, housing and job search assistance, and child development and recreational activities.

Bykota Senior Center



I was glad to be a part of such a special ribbon cutting on Aug. 26th. The Bykota Senior Center celebrated new renovations and upgrades on its historic 100-year-old building.

The Bykota Senior Center has the largest membership of all 21 senior centers in Baltimore County, with over 2000 members.

Goucher Sidewalks



On Aug. 25th, I visited Goucher College, along with other local officials and President Devereaux, to celebrate the opening of improved sidewalks and lighting along Dulaney Valley Road.

The sidewalk, which includes new lighting, allows students and community members to safely access the campus from Dulaney Valley Road. It's extra wide with a paved running area adjacent to it.

Wawa



My staff had a great time at the Grand Opening for the Wawa, located at 8100 Belair Rd, in Nottingham, on Aug. 14th.

We congratulate the new family-owned business and we wish them lots of great success!

Student Support Network



On Sept. 15th, we proudly participated in the Student Support Network's (SSN) Ravens Caw to Action Day in partnership with United Way of Central Maryland.

Making a Difference in Our Schools



Villa Cresta Elementary



My office and the Lions Club of Baltimore made donations to Fullerton Elementary on Sept. 4th. This is just a small way we hope to empower the students and staff to excel this school year. A big thanks to Nara Khakurel and the Lions Club for their generosity.



Fullerton Elementary

On Sept. 5th, I was happy to attend an event hosted by LUMA (Leading, Uplifting, Mentoring & Advocating) where they gave out goodie bags to English Language Learners at Villa Cresta Elementary.

LUMA is a student-led organization comprised of Eastern Tech seniors that had also learned English as a second language.

Thanks to LUMA, and the Maryland Department of Education for supporting them for this event.



MD 45 (York Road) Roadway Improvements and Water Main Replacement Project

The State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), is beginning the construction phase of the MD 45 (York Road) Roadway Improvements and Water Main Replacement Project in Towson. The 0.5-mile project extends along York Rd from Newell Ave to the Towson Roundabout.

The purpose of the \$9 million joint project is to **replace the county water main under York Road and upgrade the roadway, sidewalks, driveway entrances and drainage inlets and pipes** along 0.5-mile of York Road to improve highway safety and traffic operations, pedestrian accommodations and bicycle connections.

SHA, Baltimore County DPWT and contractor Pessoa Construction Co. will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on residents, businesses and travelers. Weather and other construction factors permitting, the project will be complete by fall 2027.

Upcoming Events in District 6

Overlea Community Association
Overlea Farmers Market
2025



June 7
June 21
July 5
July 19
Aug 2
Aug 16
Aug 30
Sept 13
Sept 27
Oct 11
Oct 25

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

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 5 -**

November 20, 2025 on Allegheny Avenue.

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



Italian Heritage FALL FESTIVAL

Towson Courthouse Square and Adjacent Streets
Free Admission
October 18, 2025 | 11AM - 6 PM

Featured Entertainers



The Great Train Robbery | The Monaldi Brothers

-  Mouthwatering Italian Food
-  Beer and Wine Garden
-  Sausage Eating Contest
-  Italian Cultural Center
-  Children's Area
-  Local Vendors and much more!



No outside food or drink permitted. Lawn chairs welcome.
\$5 Parking Available

Activities from Rec & Parks:

sat 18 oct **Owl-o-ween Campfire**
6p | Holt Park and Center for the Arts | \$6

fri 24 oct **Holt Haunted Hike**
6p | Holt Park and Center for the Arts | \$6

sun 26 oct **Pumpkin Carving Workshop**
12p | Holt Park and Center for the Arts | FREE

sat 15 nov **Campfire**
4p Holt Park and Center for the Arts \$6

Holt Park and Center for the Arts
34 Elmont Ave.

Zumba

Dance all the way to fitness with this high-energy workout set to infectious Latin rhythms.

Tuesdays: Oct 21 to Nov 25 at 5pm
(18+) (\$30)

Middle River Activity Center
9702 Community Dr.

Cardio Boxing

Participants build strength, endurance, and coordination through combinations including jabs, crosses, hooks, and uppercuts combined with footwork, agility drills, and bodyweight movements.

Wednesdays: Oct 8 to Nov 12 at 7:45pm
(13+)(\$60)

Rosedale Activity Center
5103 Hazelwood Ave.



Harford Park's Halloween Party & Scavenger Hunt Saturday, Oct. 25

Pumpkin decorating, food, fun, and games begin at 12:00 p.m. To join the scavenger hunt, please arrive at the community building by 12:30 p.m.

2522 Linwood Rd.

Trunk or Treat

Below are the dates for the trunk or treat events in my district:

Fullerton Elementary
Oct. 16 @5:15pm

Rossville Elementary
Oct. 16 @6:30pm

West Towson Elementary
Oct. 23 @5pm

Oakleigh Elementary
Oct. 23 @5pm

Elmwood Elementary
Oct. 23 @5:30pm



**West Towson
Community Assn.**
(Bykota Senior Center)
Oct. 24 @5pm

**Pleasant Plains
Elementary**
Oct. 24 @6pm

JOIN THE LINOVER IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION FOR OUR ANNUAL

Halloween Costume Contest & Parade

Saturday, October 25th

Rain Date: October 26th

Registration from 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm
located at Alberta Avenue between Sipple Avenue & Elinor Avenue

Judging from 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm
from judging area to Linover Park at Terrace Drive

Parade begins at 2:15 pm
Prizes Awarded at Terrace Drive Linover Park



**Anneslie's
Halloween Parade**
Friday, Oct. 31
5-7:00 p.m.
(parade at 6:15)

Neighbors can join for pizza and cider (bring your own cup) and see a parade of costumes before heading out for trick-or-treating

**Campus Hills'
Annual Gobble
Wobble Walk/Run**
November 27 @
8:30-10:00am

The Annual Thanksgiving Fun Run/Walk will take place on Thursday, November 27th at AMF Bowling Lanes (700 Southwick Drive). Line up time is 8:00 a.m.; the race begins at 8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for community members of all ages to stay active.

Power of Age EXPO 2025

Wednesday,
October 29
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Timonium Fairgrounds

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