



October 2011

Dear Friends,

In September, I had the opportunity to attend the dedication of the new Lakeland community historic markers at Lake Artemesia and to attend the opening of the Varsity student housing building on Route 1 where Bobby Flay will soon be opening his first Burger Palace in the County. During this legislative session, I have presented numerous bills to improve the quality of life in the County, including legislation to improve noise enforcement and address adult entertainment venues. In addition, Council Members Campos, Harrison, and I are sponsoring a bill to prevent slot machines in the County.

Earlier this week, the County Council incorporated comments on a redistricting plan for the 2014 Councilmanic Districts which can be found online [here](#). The current proposal before the Council keeps all of the communities in District 3 together for the next 10 years. The only proposed change to District 3 is that the "Garden City" office park area (where no residents live) would move to District 5. The Council is expected to vote on the redistricting plan on November 1, 2011.

In addition, please visit my website [here](#) to obtain information about bulk trash pickup (in unincorporated areas). I hope this will help you and a special thanks to the Lincoln Vista Civic Association for preparing this handout.

There are a lot of events and activities coming up, so please take the time to participate. If you have further questions on any matters, please contact my office.

Thank you,

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Special Meetings

Park and Planning Budget

The Prince George's County Planning Board is soliciting comments on the Commission's budget for planning, parks, and recreation in the County for next fiscal year. While a public forum was held on, Monday, October 3rd, written comments will also be accepted until close of business, Thursday, October 13, 2011. Please weigh in on how funds are spent by sending comments to Betty Hewlitt, Planning Board Chair, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Greenbelt Sector Plan

The Greenbelt Sector Plan includes the Greenbelt Road area of Berwyn Heights, Beltway Plaza, and the Greenbelt Metro Station. On Thursday, October 13th a third workshop, focusing on the Greenbelt Metro station site will be held, from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm in the multipurpose room of Greenbelt Middle School at 8950 Edmonston Road. Please click [here](#)



PEPCO AND ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION PROVIDE FREE TREES

Pepco is providing 3,000 free trees to Pepco customers as part of their energy-saving pilot program. Those interested, can reserve up to two free trees at www.arborday.org/pepco from now until November 12, 2011. The free tree distribution is being handled through the Arbor Day Foundation. In return for free trees customers agree to plant and care for them.

ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY TAVERN TOAST

Join AWS for their second annual Tavern Toast from 5:00-9:00pm. The event will be held Friday, October 21st at AWS headquarters (George Washington House, 4302 Baltimore Avenue, Bladensburg) and will feature food, beer, music, and a campfire at their circa 1752 historic building, site of the former Indian Queen Tavern. Free boat trips from 3-5pm will be held on the Anacostia from Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

or call Chad Williams, Project Manager at (301) 952-3171. Stay tuned for more details on meetings in the future.

Watershed Implementation Plan

On October 18th, a third public forum will be held on designing a plan to improve Prince George's water quality and develop a Countywide Watershed Implementation Plan to meet the Chesapeake Bay TMDL requirements. The meeting is October 18th from 4:30-8:30pm at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road. For more information, please contact Carol Terry at 301-883-5961.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS

The Prince George's County Municipal Association is offering scholarships to residents who live in municipalities in Prince George's County. Applications are due no later than April 12, 2012 and can be found at any municipal building. Questions regarding this scholarship program can be directed to the PGCMA Scholarship Committee c/o Council Member Michael Leszcz, City of Laurel: 301-725-5300 ext 2120.

SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR: BOOST SALES

The Minority Business Development Division is sponsoring a session geared to small and minority business owners called "7 Ways to Turn Your Prospects into Customers." The session will be held on October 12th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at New Carrollton Branch Library at 7414 Riverdale Road in New Carrollton. For more information, please call 301-883-6480.

KINDERFEST CELEBRATION

The 31st Annual Kinderfest celebration will be held at Watkins Regional Park on Sunday, October 2nd from 12:00pm-5:00pm. Entertainment, games and fun activities created especially for young children will be featured. Admission is FREE; nominal fees will be charged for food and some activities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are a variety of events happening in the community this month. Enjoy the fun and help make your community beautiful.

University Park 75th Anniversary Celebration: October 9th, 1:30pm-4:30pm, Lawn at Bloomfield, 6404 Queens Chapel Road (dedication of Henson Green, re-enactment of Queen Elizabeth's Drive, kids activities, entertainment, and more)

Lincoln Vista Park Building Groundbreaking Ceremony: October 15th, 9:30am, 9800 Ridge Street, Seabrook

Kingswood Community Clean Up: October 22nd, 10:00am, meet at corner of Lamont and Newburg Drive to help Clean Up, Green Up the community.

Riverdale Park Beautification: October 22nd, 9:00am, meet at Riverdale Elementary School to plant trees, flowers, and shrubs, and pick up litter.

College Park Day: October 22nd, 1:00pm-5:00pm, College Park Community Center (free kids activities, food, and entertainment)

Seabrook Beautification: October 22nd. Contact seabrookbeautification@gmail.com for more details.

If you have received this e-news from someone other than my office, and are interested in receiving this update directly, please email Thomas Mayah at the District 3 Council Office at tsmayah@co.pg.md.us or call (301) 952-3060.

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