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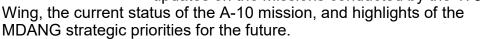
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MARCH PREVIEW

What will happen to the Maryland Air National Guard (MDANG) and the civilian support staff currently stationed at Martin State Airport? Rumors are flying (no pun intended). Our March 14th speakers will be Colonel Richard Hunt, the 175th Wing Commander and Colonel Paul Kanning, the 175th Operations Group Commander. They will talk about events occurring with the MDANG at Martin State Airport, providing updates on the missions conducted by the 175th



Happy St. Fatrick's Day!

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FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Pat Carroll, JH Bayview, provided information on upcoming blood drives. We thank her for her work as a Johns Hopkins community liaison and for her help with our Dinner With a Doctor.
- Pastor Allen, who came to St. Matthews Church in December 2023 was introduced.
- Neil Greenberg, CEO of Greenleigh Developers, spoke about the number of people living and working at Greenleigh currently and during the buildout. He explained how COVID drastically cut the need for office space which is moving them more toward residential/mixed use development. There was a handshake agreement with EMRCC that not more than 2100 homes would be built but that agreement was modified, increasing the amount to 3300. They asked our councilman, David Marks to make this a hard cap number. It will be mostly 1-2 bedroom apartments and some townhomes with a median income of \$118k. They don't expect to overload schools with the demographic they are targeting but they are working with the county to ensure adequate schools. They have been trying to get a grocery store on this end of 43 since 2010 but the possibility of a Super Walmart going up near the Rt 43/Eastern Ave. vicinity has hindered this effort. They, and their partner St. John Properties, are currently in talks with a specialty grocer and are hopeful. The McBride property was purchased to incorporate into Greenleigh and deter an entrance onto Ebenezer road. The Speigel property was purchased and zoned for 250 homes, but negotiated to 89 single family homes. Construction to extend Campbell Blvd connecting it from Rt 43 over a railroad bridge to Rt7 is to begin the summer of 2025, with completion expected by May of 2027.
- Officer Seckens: December and January looked good with minimal crime. There was one targeted homicide at the Food Lion on Fuselage Ave. Portable speed monitoring units will be placed on Eastern Ave to track speeds near the most recent vehicle accidents with fatalities. NOTE: The speed unit has been active and recording data since it was put in place by the county. The

unit is calibrated to the current speed limit for Eastern Blvd. and will **only** display a message on the digital readout if a vehicle is exceeding the posted speed limit for the area. The unit is preset to display a message of "please reduce your speed" or similar if a vehicle is 10 miles or more over the speed limit, and will also display the driver's current speed. Vehicles passing the equipment at the posted speed limit or under will not receive a message on the display. This is done to avoid unnecessary distractions to drivers that are following the posted speeds. The equipment is still recording all of the vehicle data whether they are over or under the posted limit. All of this data will be available for SHA to include as part of their ongoing evaluation of the corridor. Officer Seckens had a county representative double check the equipment just to make sure that unit was operating as it should. He also confirmed that after a period of time in it's current location the speed unit would be moved to the other side of the road to collect traffic data in the opposite direction.

• David Marks, 5th District County Councilman, spoke about CZMP zoning, focusing develop-



ment on 43; rezoning of 35 private and 150 county properties noting that the 3000 acres in the county currently presented as open space and the 2000 acres with development potential need to be kept the same or downzoned. He spoke about several specific properties in BQ and asked people to attend the Feb. 22 Planning Board Meeting. Councilman Marks discussed the 2030 Master Plan for Baltimore County and shared that there are housing bills coming out wanting more dense and affordable housing near rail stations/public transportation. He suggested taking the Clarks

Point Road drainage issues to the 3/6/24 Budget Town Hall. An attendee spoke about the need to have the flooding alleviated on Susquehanna and Bowleys Qtrs Rd. It was noted that excessive requests would not get results and to request the most pressing needs to be included in the budget. The county is looking into the sidewalk issues. The State Hwy review of safety study findings, which include our Eastern Avenue concerns, will be discussed at a meeting to take place in early March, date and location TBD.



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BUSINESS MEETING

The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

The AED boxes are installed in the BQIA Hall. A tankless water heater was installed for cost of material by Marino Plumbing.

Nick Hock is working on new cameras and internet strength for the BQIA Hall.

Community Sign - Dave and Nick working on a design and will be applying in April for sign funds. Dumpster Day is May 18. We are still in need of an electronics disposal person.

The Town Hall Budget Meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 to 8:30PM at Perry Hall High School. All county department heads will be there. This is the time to present your concerns and provide documentation, if available, since only 90 seconds will be allotted to speak.

Earls & Eastern, Stevens & Eastern, Bowleys

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Qtrs. & Eastern, and Carroll Island & Eastern are intersections identified as needing traffic flow improvement by the recent DPWT study. The State is also doing a study.

The letter to support the BQVFD 's move to a new station has been written.

Mary Muth reported on EMRCC—Trade Point Atlantic plans to expand. A letter of support was given for Sparrows Point Containers continued growth.

Just BQUZ- Josh from BQVFD will be providing AED training. Look for the date and other activities on their Facebook page. The Coffee for Vets visit was amazing and Marie is already collecting coffee and additional items for the next visit in April.

Steve Zelkowski, Ravens Roost 139, shared that they raised \$17k for the community. 50/50- Jane Bissel won and donated her winnings to BQIA.



Baltimore County 5th District Capital Improvement Budget Town Hall Meeting

What is in store for our end of Eastern Blvd?

Will traffic safety and other concerns be addressed?

What the Capital Budget does: Assigns our tax dollars to capital projects within our community and the county for the next 6 years.

Why we should care: If it isn't in the budget, it is extremely difficult to motivate Baltimore County to spend money on a project, no matter how important or worthy that project might be. We don't put in the legwork now, we risk not being able to fund needed community projects later The squeaky wheel gets the oil. If they don't hear about your problem, they won't earmark money for it in the budget. Let the county know what you need.

DISTRICT 5 TOWN HALL MEETING

DATE: MARCH 6th, 6:00-8:30PM

LOCATION: PERRY HALL HIGH SCHOOL, AUDITORIUM Check out February's County Connect <u>Aspiring for a</u> <u>Better Baltimore County</u> (mailchi.mp). It has great information on the 2023 Master Plan, volunteer and training opportunities, upcoming events, and more.



Thank you to all who were able to attend and show your support for BQ issues at the District 5 CZMP Meeting on February 22nd!

This is a biggee so save the date! Saturday, May 4, 2024 is our Open House, celebrating BQIA's 85 years of serving the community. If you would like to help with planning, contact Joanne at 410-977-8970 or come to the Monday, March 4th, 6:30PM Just BQuz mtg.



Helpful Information for Life in BQ APG Artillery Concerns For noise complaints, call 410-278-4415. Marshy Point Nature Center:</u> Programs and more for families and nature buffs. www.marshypoint.org. Report Roadside Litter:</u> Call the Bureau of Highways, 410-887-3560. Broken glass cleanup or recycle/trash concerns:</u> Call Baltimore Co. Solid Waste 410-887-2000.

Floating Debris Lookout!! : Secure it or mark the location and call 410-887-5683 or DNR at 1-800-628-9944 Essex Middle River Civic Council : 7PM the first Wednesday of every month, Victory Villa Community Hall Baltimore County 5th District Council Office Contact Information: Councilman David Marks' office phone # is 410-887-3384 his email is Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov (preferred for correspondence) Baltimore County General Info. and Referral Number: 410-887-0000 Find the Office you need!

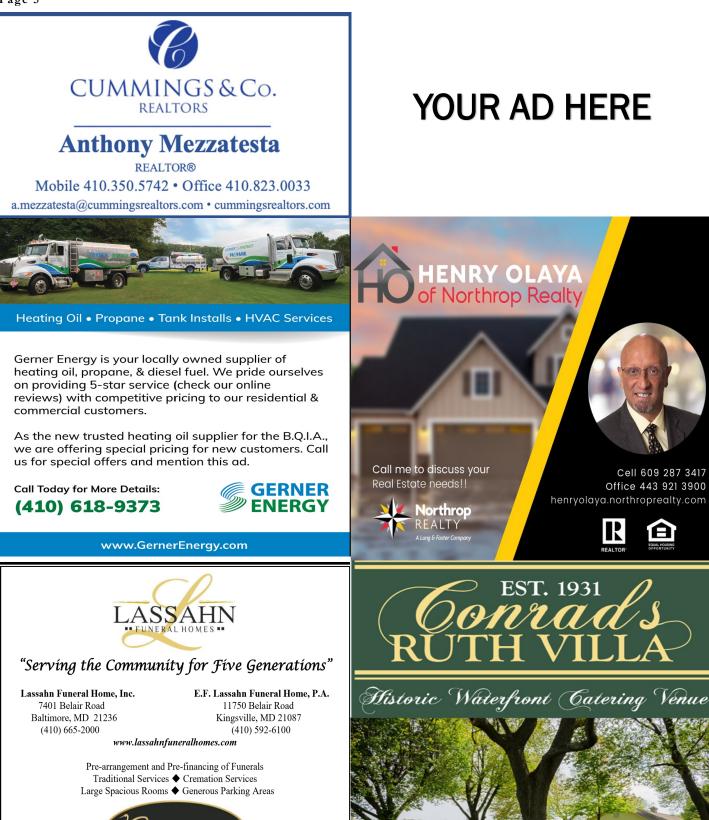
Baltimore County Zoning: http://myneighborhood.baltimorecountymd.gov/

<u>Martin State Airport Noise Complaints</u>: 410-859-7021 or <u>brineer@bwiairport.com</u>, ANG 410-918-6301 <u>Recreational Water Quality:</u> <u>Health Water Sampling - Baltimore County (baltimorecountymd.gov)</u>



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