

The Weinstein Report

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DISTRICT 1 CITIZEN WORKSHOPS - Follow-up

In late-January / early-February I held community workshops where those in attendance were split into groups to discuss ways to creatively solve some issues our community faces; such as development, public safety, education, & transportation. Both events were well attended and I want to thank all of you who came out to participate. Since these workshops, my office has been organizing some action items, contacting the relevant departments, and piecing together coalitions and legislation to address some of the larger issues.

Regarding the issues we discussed, I can report that:

- Howard County Police Department (HCPD) has been given a list of locations to increase speed enforcement, concentrating on areas near school zones.
- HCPD asked, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works (DPW), to conduct speed studies in some of these areas that might result in the installation of speed humps.
- Discussions with DPW, and with County Executive Kittleman, to fully fund several sidewalk projects that have been waiting for several years to be completed.
- Additionally, DPW will be installing crosswalks on school walking routes so our children can feel safe on their walk to school.
- And, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has been requested to study several areas containing State Roads that routinely experience traffic and congestion.

I will continue to concentrate on the tasks we discussed at these community workshops, and hope to have some additional updates for you in my next newsletter.



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BUDGET SEASON is Upon Us

APRIL
Hearing
Dates

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4/16 at 7:30p - Public Hearing - Capital Budget

4/20 - Operating Budget Due

8:30a - Work Session - Capital Budget - all departments
Except Education (Schools-HCPSS, College-HCC, Libraries-
HCLS)

7:00p - County Executive's presentation of the Budget

4/24 at 8:30a - Work Session - Capital Budget, if needed

4/29 at 7:30p - Public Hearing - Operating Budget - all
departments Except Education (Schools-HCPSS, College-HCC,
Libraries-HCLS)

4/30 at 8:30a - Work Session - Revenues & Fees; Funds;
Operating Budget Legislative and Judicial

PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES

HC HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES

The County offers two types of local property tax incentives for work that restores or preserves an eligible historic property:

1. A Historic Tax Credit for Qualified Expenses provides a tax credit equal to 10 percent of the cost of eligible work. This type of tax credit may be applied to projects costing \$500 or more.
2. A Historic Tax Credit for Increase in Assessed Value abates the increase in property tax that would result from increased assessed value due to the restoration work done, as determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. This tax credit may be applied to projects costing \$5,000 or more, and will be granted annually for ten years after the work is completed.

These tax incentives may be applied to eligible historic sites throughout Howard County as well as to properties in the local historic districts.

Click [here](#) for more information

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I look forward to hearing from you and working together to make District 1 the best it can be.

Jon

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- **04/13 - Monthly Meeting**
CVG Room, GH Bldg.
8:30am
- **04/20 - Public Hearing**
Banneker Room, GH Bldg.
7:30pm
- **04/27 - Legislative Work Session (if needed)**
Banneker Room, GH Bldg.
4:30pm



STREAM RESTORATION

Dorsey Hall stream restoration underway

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – A Howard County construction project to repair an eroding stream and storm drain outfall (the discharge point of the drain) along Dorsey Hall Drive in the vicinity of Columbia Road in Ellicott City is currently underway. The project will include grading and bank stabilization using a combination of stone and plants. The project will include water quality and weather permitting, the construction is expected to be completed by early October. This project is partially funded through a Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund grant. The project will not impact vehicular traffic in the area.

For questions or concerns about Capital Project D-1158/D-1160, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at 410-313-3440 or by email to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov.

JON in the COMMUNITY

- 4/6** Legislative Session – Introduced legislation for Public Hearing on April 20th, including a reconsideration and additional hearing for CB4-2015 on the Human Rights Commission.
- 4/7** Ilchester Road Water Main Replacement – Attended public information session on a major water main project occurring on Ilchester Road this summer.
- 4/8** Police Recruit Academy Class #39 Graduation Ceremony – Watched the greatest Police Department in the Country welcome its newest members!
- 4/8** Howard County Volunteer of the Year Ceremony – Honored Volunteer of the Year-Linda Lee Hickerson, Youth Volunteer of the Year-Kevin Zhang, and numerous other award winners.
- 4/9** Greater Elkridge Community Association Meeting with Executive Kittleman and Councilman Calvin Ball – Listened to the concerns of the Elkridge community on the FY16 Budget and other local matters.

WEEKEND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Saturday, April 11th

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 5:00PM - 7:00PM:
MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM CONCERT SERIES:
REGGAE MUSIC WITH SCOTTY PAYNTER

Howard County Historical Society Museum
8328 Court Avenue Ellicott City, MD

We welcome visitors to bring their own bottle of wine to enjoy the evening of the concert. Pick up a bottle at the Wine Bin (8390 Main St, Ellicott City) and mention that you are going to the show for a 10% discount.

Tickets are \$15 [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Part of the proceeds benefit the Howard County Historical Society. For more information, call [410-480-3250](tel:410-480-3250) or e-mail at info@hchsm.org



Howard County is updating its 2007 Pedestrian Master Plan. The new Pedestrian Plan, *WalkHoward: Moving Forward*, continues efforts to improve walkability in Howard County.

Sunday, April 12th from 11 am to 4 pm



Looking for community members interested in becoming firefighters and EMTs as well as associate members who may assist the Department with specialties (fundraising, safety education, tech support, etc.)

Come out to either of our fire stations:

Ellicott City VFD - Station 2: 4150 Montgomery Road or Ellicott City -Bethany Station 8: 9601 Old Frederick Road

Click [here](#) for more information

Open House Meeting 3 - Tuesday, April 14 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

[Elkridge Landing Middle School](#)
7085 Montgomery Road - Elkridge, MD 21075

To learn more about WalkHoward click [here](#)