

## CRIME LOG

The following is compiled from police reports. Descriptions of perpetrators are included only when the description makes identification possible.

## Ellicott City

**Montgomery Road**, 4900 block, 9:55 a.m. Dec. 6. Man seen in garage. Entry made through front door. Nothing reported missing.

**Baltimore National Pike**, 8500 block, Nov. 1 to 11:29 a.m. Dec. 1. Silver 2002 Dodge Caravan, no tags, stolen from Classic Kia.

**Richards Valley Road**, 5700 block, 12:34 a.m. Nov. 30. Nail and Hair Care Spa entered, cash stolen. No signs of forced entry.

**Executive Center Road**, 8900 block, 9:06 p.m. Nov. 30. Blue 2008 Pontiac G6, MD 2CB4328, stolen from Carmax.

## Elkridge/Jessup

**Southmoor Street**, 7000 block, noon Dec. 2. Heating, venting, air conditioning unit stolen from house under construction.

**Park Place**, 6900 block, 6 a.m. to 4:49 p.m. Dec. 1. Residence entered by breaking glass on rear door. Televisions, checkbook, printer stolen.

**Selnick Drive**, 6600 block, Nov. 25 to 10:37 a.m. Nov. 30. 2016 International Box Truck 430, MD 6BW6194, stolen from Paul F. Federline and Sons.

## Savage/North Laurel

**Pineway Court**, 8500 block, 8:10 p.m. Dec. 6. Residence entered through unsecured rear door. Cellphone, computer stolen.

**Stansfield Road**, 10400 block, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4. Forced entry to residence through basement door; coins stolen.

**All Saints Road**, 9200 block, 2:10 a.m. Dec. 2. Man exposed himself in vehicle at drive through window.

## Clarksville/Fulton

**Scaggsville Road**, 11200 block, Dec. 2 to 12:23 p.m. Dec. 3. Motorcycle stolen.

**Simpson Road**, 11800 block, 9:15 to 10:20 a.m. Dec. 1. Residence entered by breaking rear door glass. Electronics, cash stolen.

**Clarksville Pike**, 12200 block, 7:17 a.m. Nov. 30. Hole cut in fence at Kendall Hardware to gain entry. Tool box, tools, lawn equipment stolen. Keys, Chevy truck, MD 69S315, also stolen.

If you have any further information about these crimes, call Howard County police at 410-313-2200.

## AT A GLANCE

# Council delays decision on Clarksville Pike guidelines

The Howard County Council voted on Monday to put on hold a decision on whether to adopt a set of design guidelines for Clarksville Pike.

Councilmembers unanimously tabled two bills related to the design plan, a 113-page document that creates standards for future buildings and streetscape design along a stretch of the pike from Guilford Road to Trotter Road.

Architectural firm Design Collective and the county's Department of Planning and Zoning have been working on the guidelines for more than a year and have held several public meetings for input.

Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty, a Democrat who represents Clarksville, said the bill was tabled to give council members more time to look at the guidelines. In particular, she wants to reconsider whether the document should include improvements to the pike such as traffic lights and lane extensions, which were originally part of the plan.

Deputy planning director Raj Kudchadkar said last month that the county had decided to remove traffic improvements, which proved controversial within the community, from the guidelines so as not to prevent the rest of the design concepts from being implemented.

At the council's November public hearing, one resident, who had worked as a planner, testified that slowing traffic along the pike was essential to creating the Main Street feel the design guidelines seek to create.

"You can't design for a road if you can't bring the speeds down," Sigaty said Monday. "We've heard some very compelling testimony about how the road needed to be included."

Both bills related to the guidelines will again be eligible for a vote early next month at the county's January voting session.

The council also elected new officers for 2016 Monday night. Councilman Calvin Ball, a Democrat from east Columbia, will serve as chairman, while **Jon Weinstein**, an Ellicott City Democrat, will be vice chair for his second year in a row.

Councilwoman Jen Terrasa, a Democrat who represents the southeast county, will chair the zoning board with Sigaty as vice chair, and Sigaty will chair the liquor board, with Councilman Greg Fox, a Republican from Fulton, as vice chair.

—Amanda Yeager

## Howard, Laurel leaders join in rail request to CSX

Howard County Executive Allan Kittelman and Laurel City Council President Ed Ricks are joining together to appeal to railroad company CSX Transportation to allow full commuter train service at two stations in Laurel.

Kittleman and Ricks signed a letter to Brian Hammock, CSX resident vice president for state government affairs, on Monday morning, calling for an expansion of passenger rail service that would make it possible for commuter trains to stop at both the downtown Laurel MARC train station and at Laurel Park Station, 2,500 feet to the north.

Currently, the MARC train, which carries passengers between Baltimore and Washington, makes several stops a day at the station in downtown Laurel, which is in Prince George's County. Laurel Park Station, in Howard County, is a flag stop, used only when there is a passenger waiting on the platform.

CSX, a freight transportation company, owns the tracks. The MARC commuter train is operated by the Maryland Transit Administration.

"Howard County and the City of Laurel are very much aware of the importance of timely rail service to CSX and the scheduling difficulties brought about by mixing freight and passenger service," Kittleman and Ricks wrote to Hammock. "However, increasing high density mixed-use development in the Greater Laurel area makes it critical that government work with CSX to develop a mutually beneficial schedule that will allow a full stop at Laurel Park to coexist with the existing full stop at the Laurel MARC Train Station."

In an email, CSX spokesman Rob

Doolittle wrote that "CSX has been engaged in discussions on this issue with the state of Maryland, and we are happy to continue the dialogue with our state and county partners to develop an appropriate solution to commuters' requirements, while also meeting the critical need to maintain the efficient flow of freight traffic across Maryland."

The letter follows months of concern from Laurel residents and officials that a plan to turn the Laurel Park station into a full-service stop will mean elimination of the train station in downtown Laurel, right off of Main Street.

The Stronach Group, which owns the adjacent Laurel Park race track, has submitted plans to Howard County for a development next to the Laurel Park train station. The development, to be called Laurel Park Station, is heavily focused on the convenience of a train station steps away from the 1,000 residential units and 700,000 square feet of retail, commercial and office space planned for the site.

Nearby development Hawthorne Place, which has already been approved by the city of Laurel, will add another 1,006 residential units and 150,000 square feet of office and retail space once it is built.

"City of Laurel currently has over 3,000 units either on the drawing board or being built," Ricks said. "So with that kind of development, we need public transportation."

The Laurel station currently serves more than 850 passengers a day, according to Ricks.

Kittleman said expanding public transit would help support development along Route 1 in Howard County, as well.

"We can't keep on building and building and building - we've got to figure out ways to get people to use public transportation," he said.

—Amanda Yeager

## Centennial Lake level to be lowered for repairs

Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks will be lowering the water