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Greetings!

I hope you had a great July 4th! My office regularly receives questions about how to get notice about what's happening in the County so in this issue, you'll find information on signing up for presubmission notices and the County's *NotifyMeHoward* service. Happy Summer!

All the best,
Jen

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Upcoming Council Meetings

Public Hearing

July 21 | 7:30 p.m. | Banneker

Legislative Work Session

July 22 | 4:00 p.m. | Banneker

Legislation Amendment Pre-file

July 23 | 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Wrap-Up Session

July 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Banneker

Legislative Recess

August

* The Banneker Room is the Council's Hearing Room on the 1st Floor of the George Howard Building.

Council Highlight

On July 7, 2014, the Council passed two important bills that continue the County Council's work to improve transparency, public participation, and collaboration with citizens ([CB32-2014](#) and [CB33-2014](#)).

[CB32-2014](#) requires that all documents uploaded to the county's website be in a searchable format starting 60 days after the legislation takes effect. It also creates a task force charged with creating a plan for implementing a web portal that will centralize the county's data and files online in a single place.

[CB33-2014](#) revises notice requirements for pre-submission community meetings including adding a requirement for notice to schools and PTAs near a proposed development project as well as other changes that make the presubmission meeting notification process more constituent friendly.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to identify ways to make further improvements.

Thanks to everyone who testified on these bills!

Check out Jen on the web!



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Receive Presubmission Meeting Notices

Would you like to be notified when development is proposed near or around your neighborhood? Use Howard County's Community Registration system to define a community boundary and a notification boundary. When proposed development falls within the defined boundaries, you will receive notification via email with information regarding the pre-submission community meeting in your area. [Click here](#) to sign-up now!



Sign-up for County Notices



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NotifyMeHoward



Did you know you can sign-up for email and text notifications from Howard County government through *NotifyMeHoward*? If not, it's easy! Click [here](#) to sign up now.

As you may know, *NotifyMeHoward* is a service that allows Howard County Government to deliver a wide variety of information directly to your inbox or mobile device. You can choose and manage your own profile so that you only receive information that is valuable to you and your family.

Additionally, you'll be automatically enrolled to receive emergency notifications from the National Weather Service and Howard County public safety providers like the Office of Emergency Management, the Howard

County Police Department and the Department of Fire and Rescue Services.

If you already use *NotifyMeHoward*, you may be interested to know that its getting an upgrade! The date of when the service will be upgraded hasn't been announced yet, but we will be sure to let you know when the new features are in place. Once the change happens, be sure to log on to www.NotifyMe.HowardCountyMD.gov to make sure you are still signed up for the notices you want to receive. The website address will remain the same.



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Legislation Update

Sponsored & Co-sponsored Bills

CB32-2014 | Co-Sponsor

Topic: Transparency

Would require that County documents and files be publically searchable through the County's website, where possible; and develop an online port in order to make available county data more accessible to the public.

Status: Passed as Amended

CB33-2014 | Sponsor

Topic: Pre-submission Meetings

Revises notice requirements for pre-submission community meetings including notice to schools and PTAs near the proposed project. Replaces CB12-2014, which was tabled on June 2, 2014 in lieu of this more comprehensive bill.

Status: Passed as Amended

CB36-2014 | Sponsor

Topic: Plug-In Electric Vehicles

Allows for reserved parking of plug-in vehicles in spaces designed as recharging stations; establishes standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug-in vehicles; authorizes violators to be removed or towed under certain circumstances.

Status: Under consideration by Council

CR91-2014 | Co-Sponsor

Topic: Big Brothers Big Sisters

Endorses an application by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake to the MD Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain organizations.

Status: Under consideration by Council

Want more?

- Want to know what other legislation is under consideration by the Council in July? Click [here](#).
- Looking for a particular bill or resolution? Use the legislation search tool [here](#).
- Can't attend a meeting but want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online [here](#).



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The Savage Branch is Re-opening!

On July 22, 2014 at 12:30 p.m., the Savage Branch of the Howard County Library System will re-open. I recently had a sneak peak of the renovated space and I think you will love the improvements. I hope to see you at the grand re-opening!

Grand *re-opening* of the

HCLS Savage Branch & STEM Education Center

Tuesday, July 22, 2014
12:30 pm

The Howard County Library System
Board of Trustees and
President & CEO Valerie J. Gross
cordially invite you to join us for the
GRAND RE-OPENING
of Howard County Library System's
Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
(9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, Maryland).

12:30 pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
12:45 pm Doors open
12:45 - 6 pm Ongoing tours & activities



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Upcoming Events

Columbia Association Kids Triathlon

The CA Kids Triathlon will serve as the 3rd stop of the 2014 MD Youth Triathlon Series. The swim takes place in the Clemens Crossing Pool's 25-yard outdoor pool. The bike course is a 2-mile loop through the rolling hills around Clemens Crossing. The run is flat and fast with a cross country style finish. The event is Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at Clemens Crossing Elementary, 10320 Quarterstaff Road, Columbia. For more information [click here](#).

Women's Distance Festival

Registration is open for the 34th Annual Howard County Striders Women's Distance Festival on Sunday July 27th, 2014. Join fellow runners for plenty of food and fun. Watermelon, fruit pops, and ice cold cloths at the finish line. Race start is at 7:30am at Howard Community College, HCC Physical Education Building, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia. For more information [click here](#).

National Night Out

Join Howard County Recreation & Parks and the Howard County Police Department for National Night Out, a free night of fun for the whole family! The evening is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for local anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.

When: Tuesday, August 5, 2014; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: North Laurel Community Center

9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD 20723

If you want to nominate your community to participate, contact [Lori Boone](#) at (410) 313-2236 with HCPD before the July 18th Deadline!

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