

**We need more ice (rinks) in our life!**

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**From** tony pietropola <tonypech@hotmail.com>  
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**Cc** Kimberly Pietropola <kim.a.whipple@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

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## Support for the Two-Rink Meadowbrook Ice Rink Facility Proposal

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From Craig Wowkanyyn <cowokanyyn@yahoo.com>

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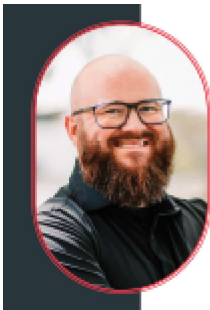
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Sincerely,

Rhiannon Kaye

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**Support for the Two-Rink Meadow Brook Ice Rink Facility**

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Sincerely,

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**Support for the two rink in meadowbrook**

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team activities. The Columbia ice rink is always packed so I know the interest for ice sports is strong in Howard county we just don't have the space for all kids or adults to get to play and enjoy the ice activities they love.

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Sincerely,

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## Support for the Two-Rink Meadowbrook Ice Rink Facility Proposal

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**From** Kevin Moores <kevin.a.moores@gmail.com>  
**Date** Sun 4/19/2026 8:03 PM  
**To** CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc** Roxanna Moores <roxmoores123@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

Madison Nguyen

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From Naomi Widmer <ntwidmer@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

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## New Meadowbrook Ice Rink Facility

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**From** Jamie Buonato <jbuonato8@gmail.com>

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## Anderson, Isaiah

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**From:** Dave Barry <djb2181@yahoo.com>  
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Sincerely,

Dave Barry  
Hockey Dad  
Howard County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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## Support for proposed Ice Rink

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**From** Erin Clow <ee.mcgregor@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 1:41 PM  
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Sincerely,

Erin Clow

9866 Helmwood Ct.

Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**Anderson, Isaiah**

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**From:** John O'Brien <jmobrien10@gmail.com>  
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For my family, this project is personal. We have two young boys, ages 4 and 6, who both recently started playing hockey. My oldest, Jack, just completed his first season with the Howard Huskies mite program. My youngest, Owen, attends under-13 stick and pucks whenever Columbia Ice Arena has them (which during the hockey season, is infrequent). I have played hockey for 25+ years, and currently play in an adult league in Laurel.

They are at the very beginning of what we hope will be a lifelong love for the sport. However, under the current infrastructure, their "hockey journey" involves a significant amount of travel outside our county lines. A new, dual-sheet facility at Meadowbrook would allow our children to grow, train, and compete right here at home, keeping our family—and our weekends—rooted in our own community.

**Addressing the Infrastructure Deficit**

Howard County is a premier destination to live and work, yet our ice sports infrastructure has lagged behind our neighbors. The disparity is stark:

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**Economic Impact and Revenue Retention**

The Howard County Youth Hockey Club (HCYHC) has long outgrown our single local rink, forcing the club to split operations with Prince George’s County. By approving a two-rink facility, the Council would:

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- **Reclaim Local Revenue:**
  - Ensure hundreds of thousands of dollars in ice fees stay within Howard County rather than being exported to neighboring jurisdictions.
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- **Boost Tourism:**
  - HCYHC already hosts a massive annual tournament for 2,500+ players. Currently, most of those families stay and eat in other counties. A premium facility near I-95 would transform Howard County into a premier destination for regional tournaments, benefiting
    - our hotels, restaurants, and small businesses.
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**A Resource for All Generations**

This project isn't just for youth sports. It addresses a decade-long deficit for adult league players who are currently forced to commute late at night to find available ice. I am one of these individuals. Furthermore, it creates a professional ecosystem for local coaches and clinic directors, providing jobs and specialized athletic training within our borders.

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Sincerely,  
John, Jessica, Jack, and Owen O’Brien  
6112 Dry Leaf Path  
Columbia, MD 21044

[jmobrien10@gmail.com](mailto:jmobrien10@gmail.com)

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John O'Brien  
410-299-7486

## Anderson, Isaiah

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**From:** Kim Bender <kimtbender@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 5:42 PM  
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Sincerely  
Kim Bender  
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Columbia MD, 21044

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**From:** Matthew Wessel <mattwessel32@gmail.com>  
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Matthew Wessel  
14070 Stevens Valley Ct  
Glenwood, MD 21738

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**From:** Bobby Shearer <wubbadonut@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Nina Shearer

10809 Graeloch Rd, Laurel 20723

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## Support for the Two-Rink Meadowbrook Ice Rink Facility Proposal

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From Shiyong Huang <shiyonghuang@gmail.com>

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Ellicott City, MD 21042  
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**From:** L McCavanagh <lmccavanagh@gmail.com>  
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Frederick County: 2  
Howard County: 1 (closed in the summer)

The Howard County Youth Hockey Club (HCYHC), for example, has outgrown its local infrastructure. Currently, the club must split its operations between the Columbia Ice Rink and The Gardens Ice House in Prince George's County. By building two rinks, the county would immediately secure an anchor tenant that currently spends hundreds of thousands of dollars outside our borders. A second sheet of ice allows our county to "reclaim" that revenue, ensuring local sports dollars stay within Howard County to support our own infrastructure and services.

Furthermore, the economic benefits extend far beyond hockey registration fees. The HCYHC already hosts a massive annual tournament bringing over 2,500 players to the region. Currently, the majority of the tournament games and local hotel options are outside of Howard County. With a premium, dual-sheet facility located near I-95 and BWI, Howard County would become a premier destination for professional tournament organizers. This means more families staying in our hotels, dining in our restaurants, and shopping in our local businesses throughout the year.

Beyond youth sports, a two-rink facility addresses a long-standing deficit in adult recreation. The Columbia Ice Rink has been at capacity for years, leaving hundreds of Howard County adult league players with no choice but to commute to other counties or find other recreation. Additionally, a larger facility fosters a professional ecosystem for skating coaches, clinic organizers, and camp directors, creating jobs and specialized athletic opportunities right here at home.

Investing in two rinks is a fiscally responsible decision that transforms a recreational project into a high-yield community asset. I strongly encourage the Council to support the full two-rink proposal for the Meadowbrook facility.

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