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A speaker at the Aug. 31
community input meeting in
Randallstown protests plans
for Kimco Realty to bring
the area's third Walmart to
Owings Mills Mall.



Proposal Would Bring Walmart Supercenter to Owings Mills Mall

Community gets vocal

Owings Mills Mall is in demolition mode, as heavy equipment is taking down the 30-year-old mall to rubble.

While the community has lamented the slow decline of the mall, which closed in January and once catered to upscale shoppers with a Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord and Taylor and Macy's as anchors, residents are looking forward to a new shopping experience. The redevelopment plan, they were told, was to replace the property with an open-air shopping center similar to Hunt Valley Towne Centre and the Avenue at White Marsh. Many looked forward a robust mix of department and big box stores, smaller national discount retailers and boutique shops.

Those expectations were dashed when District 4 Councilman Julian Jones sent an email inviting constituents to two community input meetings to weigh



"I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN
MY POWER TO MAKE SURE
THE RANDALLSTOWN
WALMART DOES NOT
CLOSE."

Julian Jones, District 4
Baltimore County Councilman

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From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

What is the Role of Developers, the Community in Retail Success?

I attended the community input meetings held last month in Owings Mills and Randallstown concerning the future redevelopment of the Owings Mills Mall. There were easily close to 500 people there. Their comments expressed an entire spectrum of ideas, as well as emotions—from passion, anger, bewilderment and reticence. Out of both meetings the takeaway was that Kimco Realty, the mall's sole owner, was the bad guy and that Walmart was a respectable business but an unworthy option as a prime mall tenant. The community believed they deserved better.

Kimco is the largest developer of open-air shopping centers in the country. Analysts will tell you that in order for a mall and shopping center to be successful it is essential they nail down the right tenant mix, and that one of the anchor stores has to be a retailer that brings in daily and consistent foot traffic. That's where Walmart comes in.

Why didn't the mall succeed? Where have all the retail stores gone? Why are they not staying in this area? Saks Fifth Avenue stayed in Owings Mills for 10 years before closing their doors. Then Lord and Taylor and Sears came in and left shortly thereafter. What made them leave? With the high-household-income communities of Randallstown, Owings Mills and Pikesville, were there not enough people spending it at the mall? Were we choosing to take our shopping dollars somewhere else?

I get the part where retail is having some problems. But stores seem to be leaving the northwest at a faster pace than other communities. Obviously, if a store is making money there is no reason for them to leave. But what else goes into the decision when executives and owners are sitting in the boardroom analyzing the situation?

When major retailers leave, malls have to scramble to fill those holes. It affects the other tenants who depend on those stores to bring people to theirs.

If tenants are saying, "no, I don't want to come here," how can we examine our community to understand what is it about this area? Why do businesses seem to believe that they can do without certain locations in their portfolio but still be able to secure certain community's dollars anyway?

Kimco is not investing \$25 million in a piece of real estate just to put a Walmart there. I believe they are dealing with challenges in attracting certain types of anchors.

Most of us would not have known about this issue if Councilman Julian Jones did not organize the community meetings. However, in the future I'm hoping the community will have the

opportunity to get involved sooner, either by their own proactivity or by elected officials or business leaders soliciting their input.

The mall has been in decline for a long time. There should have been community meetings years ago to find out how the mall could be fixed from the political perspective, the county government perspective and the community's perspective. We can go to our elected leaders, our business associations and our government representatives at any time to share our concerns and ask what can be done and how can we help.

We have been talking about the Liberty Road corridor a long time. Yes, thanks to the work of people like former Councilman Ken Oliver, we finally got the Randallstown Community Center, Home Depot, Walmart and Ruby Tuesday. How are they doing? Are we supporting them? If so, that's great. If not, why not?

Has our attention moved from the rest of Liberty Road, which is an eclectic mix of independent eateries, drug stores, and small businesses? What will it take to make Liberty Road successful? Because there is no large, contiguous swath of land, there is little opportunity to do major redevelopment. After all, a guy doesn't want to build a \$1 million house next to the \$200,000 home.

What is also missing is a comprehensive plan. Do we just allow Sea Pride to shut down and a fortune teller to replace it or do we encourage thoughtful solutions based on a solid business plan?

We know that Foundry Row exists because of the large amount of land that became available when Solo Cup left. On Liberty Road, we have nothing like that. There are so many individual business owners that would have to all agree at the same time so someone can come and redevelop.

I'm hoping the county will lean on more shopping center owners to improve the look of their businesses. But that doesn't have anything to do with tenant mix.

Not far from Liberty Road is another shopping area in decline. We should be looking at Security Boulevard NOW! Word is that the Macy's is leaving, which will be a death knell to Security Square Mall. You can see that Sears is on its last leg. The county touts that we have the Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Woodlawn, which employ thousands of people. Why are they not shopping at Security?

I would ask our county and state elected officials who represent Security Square Mall and Security

Boulevard to analyze the situation and start communicating with mall and business owners and the community now. We have a new courthouse coming to the area in 2019 and it's time to pull all the pieces together now to make that area a great place to live, work and play. Who will take up the challenge and show some leadership?

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Plan Would Extend Bus Service West on Liberty Road

The last stop of bus service on Liberty Road for riders traveling between Baltimore City and Baltimore County is Chapman Road in Randallstown, a few blocks past Offutt Road.

That is about to change. The Mass Transit Administration is considering a plan to extend bus service about a mile further west.

For years, community members have protested any efforts to extend service past the commercial stretch of Liberty Road into the more residential areas.

But once riders get off at the last stop, they are forced to walk or find other modes of transportation to reach their destinations. This includes employees, patients and visitors of Northwest Hospital, people who live at apartment complexes such as Carriage Hill, or people who shop at WalMart and area stores. On any given day, you will find people walking on the sidewalks with groceries or small children in tow.

Opponents of the extended bus service were adamant. People traveling from the city into Randallstown, they said, would increase the potential for trash, noise and particularly, crime. Supporters ridiculed their point of view, saying that the chance of a criminal coming out to Randallstown to rob homes or people and then carry the stolen property on the bus back into the

city would be unlikely.

As part of its effort to solicit community feedback about the state's BaltimoreLink transit improvement plan, the Mass Transit Administration held a meeting on Monday, Aug. 22, at the Owings Mills Public Library. It was one of 20 public workshops held in the area. Del. Adrienne Jones, along with MTA representatives, listened to community members' concerns at that meeting, as well as at an Aug. 25 meeting of the Combined Communities Advocacy Council of Greater Randallstown.

One of the most-discussed routes was Local Bus No. 54, which connects Randallstown and the Milford Mill Metro subway station to the Penn-North Metro subway station.

"There is a known need for transit in the area based on the demographic and socioeconomic data we analyzed, which showed a high propensity for area residents – both commuters and persons who are transit-dependent – to likely use transit," says Sandy Arnett, an MTA spokesperson.

"Support for the service extension was largely from older residents and area commuters who currently walk a mile or more along Liberty Road to reach the nearest bus stop at Randallstown Loop," she adds. "Opposition to the extension comes from residents of the community who expressed concern

about the specific bus stop locations and routing of any proposed extension and desire to keep buses from driving through or laying over in residential communities."

Local Bus No. 54 currently terminates service at either the Milford Mill metro subway station or the intersection of Chapman and Liberty roads. MTA's proposal would divide that route into two routes—LocalLink 85, which would begin service at Penn-North and ends at Milford Mill and LocalLink 81, which would begin at Milford and continue to Kings Point Shopping Center at Liberty and Marriottsville Road in Randallstown.

The exact turnaround point is not yet determined. One MTA recommendation was to turn on Tiverton Road and then make a left on Winands Road to Marriottsville Road. MTA would have to get permission from Kings Point to turn the bus around on its parking lot.

That 1.5-mile option is unacceptable, say community members. It is unsafe and undesirable for buses to travel through the neighborhood with narrow streets, parked cars and a school along the way. Plus, the buses operate 22 hours between 4 a.m. to 2 a.m.

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Board Fails to Adopt School Calendar With Muslim Holy Days

It's a matter of equality and equal justice, Muhammad Jameel said of the Muslim's continued fight to get the Baltimore County Board of Education to add two Islamic holy days to the public school calendar when they fall on school days.

Voting in favor of the recommendation to close schools on Muslim holidays were Kathleen Causey, Michael Collins, Marisol Johnson, Stephen Verch and Romaine Williams. Voting against it were board chair Charles McDaniels, vice chair Edward Gilliss, June Eaton, Ann Miller, David Uhlfeder and student member Aidinn Bratt.

"We are still pushing for the board to be sensitive to all three Abrahamic days to be treated equally," Jameel said. "In today's rhetoric, it's even more important because kids feel they are being discriminated in their own country.

In the meantime, the board's inequality and excuses continue regarding why Jewish holidays are on the calendar and Muslim holidays are not, he believes.

Since the 1995-96 academic year, the county has closed schools for students and teachers on the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Schools and offices are also closed for Christmas and the Friday before Easter.

The school board has pointed to state and federal rulings, which have found it is illegal for a local school system to close schools for the purpose of recognizing a religious holiday of one particular faith. Schools can close on religious holidays when they can demonstrate a secular purpose to close, the Maryland Board of Education has said, e.g. because a high number of children or teachers would be absent from class.

According to the school board's policy review committee's final report in June 2015, the meeting minutes do not indicate any discussion on the secular purpose for the closure for the two Jewish holy days.

Originally, the committee recommended that whenever possible, a professional development day should be re-scheduled and schools closed to students when Eid Al-Adha or Eid Al-Fitr occurred on school days. The board



Muhammad Jameel, president of the Islamic Society of Baltimore, attended a school board meeting in July with students and parents.

adopted that recommendation. The committee reconsidered and asked the board to close BCPS schools and offices on Eid Al-Adha and Eid Al-Fitr. The board has voted to consider the issue of closing on all religious holidays.

This year schools are closed for students on Sept. 12, the observances of Eid al-Adha, because of a systemwide professional development day.

"We're asking for equality, equal justice and to facilitate the Bill of Rights when schools are open on holidays," said Jameel. "It prevents children from practicing their faith." Children are supposed to be at the mosque with their families to pray together and attend celebratory functions to better bond with their families, he explained.

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Protesters marched in justice for Korryn Gaines, who was fatally shot by police after a barricade situation on Aug. 1.

‘Justice for Korryn Gaines’ Activity Continues as Questions About Police Investigation Remain

With a police helicopter buzzing overhead, a small group carrying banners and placards that read “Justice for Korryn Gaines,” march in front of the Randallstown police substation. Their cause was to bring attention to what they say was the unwarranted death of a 23-year-old mother of two fatally shot by police after an hours-long barricade situation at the Carriage Hills Apartments.

Drivers honked their horns in support as the demonstrators waved and chanted “Say her name, Korryn Gaines” and shouted statements such as “Indict, convict, send those killer cops to jail. The whole damn system is guilty as hell.”

The group then marched a short distance from the Liberty Road substation to the apartment complex where Gaines lived. Officers from precinct 2 were among those who secured the perimeter. Officers went to the apartment to serve arrest warrants on Gaines and her boyfriend, Kareem Courtney, who was later charged with nine heroin-related charges.

Her cousin, Creo Brady, was among the protesters.

“I don’t believe in the justice system right now. Too many families are suffering the same fate. I am going to do what I can do to get justice,” Brady said. “The officer who shot first should be held accountable. He shot and killed my cousin and shot her son. The

family is torn because of this.”

He continued, “My cousin died for what she believed. She was a loving mother, a caring cousin, she radiated love within the family whenever she could. She was loved. It’s a tragic, devastating loss.


To help the community find answers, Councilman Julian Jones is holding a community meeting about the Korryn Gaines situation on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the Randallstown Community Center. Representatives from the Police Department and State’s Attorneys Office will be present.

Meanwhile, on Sept. 1, a month after the incident, the department has released the name of the officer who took the shots, identifying him as Officer First Class Ruby. Ruby (the officer’s last name) is a member of the tactical unit in the support operations division with 16 years of service with the department. Police fired first after they say Gaines pointed a shotgun at officers and threatened to kill them.

Standard procedure is to release the names of officers involved in police shootings about 48 hours after the incident, which according to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4 agreement, is to give the officers and their family time to cope with the situation. However, Baltimore County

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Chief James Johnson cited the general climate around the country against law enforcement and “unprecedented” threats and security risk, which were not specified. Ruby was involved in another shooting in August 2007.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund took issue with the police department’s changing reports about the incident, such as whether there were audio and video recordings of the interaction between Gaines and police.

The six-point letter, signed by Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel, and Monique Dixon, deputy director of policy and senior counsel, pointed out inconsistencies in the department’s statements and requested documents to back up their actions, e.g. a copy of the agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4, policies regarding execution of arrest warrants and identify of the hostage negotiator and crisis intervention units involved.

District 44 Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam said there should have been

behavioral health units available to assist with negotiations. “Korryn Gaines’ life could have been saved. The situation should have been de-escalated. She had lead paint poisoning and all types of things should have come into play,” she said.

Nathan-Pulliam introduced legislation which authorizes a three-year pilot program effective Oct. 1, which requires Baltimore City and Baltimore County police departments, to the extent practicable, to establish a behavioral health unit that consists of at least six specially trained officers to respond to emergency calls involving an individual suspected of having a mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorder.

According to the bill’s language, the goal is to divert such individuals into treatment instead of the criminal justice system and “to prevent and reduce unnecessary use of force and loss of life.”

According to the police spokesperson, Elise Armacost, about 10 members of the county police department’s negotiating team worked the incident, and the team is trained extensively in de-escalation techniques, crisis

intervention and basic mental health. “The team sometimes seeks guidance, from a mental health professional and they did in this case.

“While the goal is always peaceful surrender of the subject (and almost all barricades do end peacefully here), his or her use of lethal force or the threat to use lethal force escalates the situation to an imminent public safety crisis. At that point, the mental health of the subject becomes less a factor than the need to protect officers and others at risk,” Armacost said.

Attorney J. Wyndal Gordon posted a lengthy response on his Facebook page, detailing why the Gaines’ death was wrongful on multiple levels. He questioned whether there was a negotiator and mental health professional. It will be important to hear from the boyfriend, Gordon said, which he considers “an important piece of the puzzle.”

“The facts will continue to change until the facts fit squarely within the law,” said Gordon. For example, reportedly police may have considered the situation a hostage situation with Gaines holding her son



Creo Brady, the cousin of Korryn Gaines, participated in the rally in Randallstown on Aug. 27.

hostage, until audio recordings were required during hostage situations.

Carriage Hill was criticized for giving police the key access to Gaines apartment when she did not answer the door. Facebook was also criticized for deactivating Gaines’ Facebook page at the police department’s request.

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Del. Adrienne Jones, speaker pro tem, founded the festival in 1996 to celebrate the traditions of the African-American community. The festival is one of the only ones in the Mid-Atlantic corridor that does not promote or endorse alcohol or tobacco products. For more information, visit aaculturalfestival.com.

Walk in the Park Nature Tours

Enjoy a guided tour from a naturalist/park ranger at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Museum and Park, on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The Baltimore County Health Coalition, the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Baltimore County Fitness Council are sponsoring the annual Walk in the Park event at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Museum and Park at 300 Oella Ave. in Catonsville, and five other locations—Cromwell Valley Park in

Parkville, Fort Howard Park in Fort Howard, Lake Roland in Baltimore, Marshy Point Nature Center in Middle River and Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park in Cockeysville.

The event will be held rain or shine. You're encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and bring water.

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Community Shred Event

T. Rowe Price is holding a shredding event, rain or shine, on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 to 11 a.m. at its Owings Mills Financial Center, 4515 Painters Mill Rd. in Owings Mills. Attendees can bring up to four bags of documents for shredding free of charge. Contact 410-243-3790 or whitney@profilespr.com for more information.

Family Fun Fest

The Baltimore County Family Health Fun Fest will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive. There will be games, cooking, children's activities, health screenings, vendors, raffles and prizes. The event is free. Contact Cheryl Belt-Jackson at 410-887-1266 or 410-887-3448.

Stay up to date on activities and events of interest at nwvoicenews.com. Submit your events to nwvoicenews.com/contact-us/news.

Golf Tournament

The second annual Liberty Road Business Association Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, at 8 a.m. at The Woodlands Golf Course, 2309 Ridge Rd. in Windsor Mill.

LRBA members in good standings receive a 10 percent discount on sponsorships and play. A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will benefit Randallstown High School.

Visit www.lrbagolftourney.com for more information or to register online.



Local Government Meetings

Education Advisory Councils

Northwest Area Education Advisory Council meeting will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave. in Windsor Mill. The public can weigh in on the operating and capital budgets.

The Southwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the library at Westowne Elementary School, 401 Harlem Ave. in Catonsville. The topic is grading and reporting. The SWAEC will hold its pre-budget hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. The location will be determined.

School Board

The upcoming meetings of the Baltimore County Board of Education will be held at the Greenwood Campus, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.; Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.; Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.bcps.org/board/

County Council

Upcoming meetings of the County Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, Monday, Sept. 19, Monday, Oct. 3 and Oct. 17. Work sessions will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13 and Sept.

27; and Tuesday, Oct. 11. The meetings are held at the Historic Courthouse, 400 Washington Ave. in Towson.

For more information, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/

Police Community Relations Council

These councils consist of community leaders, interested citizens and representatives of the local business community, and meet to resolve issues of concern and provide an open forum.

- Woodlawn Precinct 2 meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Woodlawn Precinct, 6424 Windsor Mill Rd. in Woodlawn. The contact number is 410-887-4714.
- Franklin Precinct 3 meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Franklin Precinct, 606 Nicodemus Rd. in Reisterstown. The contact number is 410-887-6985.
- Pikesville Precinct 4 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, 7401 Park Heights Ave. in Pikesville. The contact number is 410-887-6775.

For more information, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/community/

Bus Route on Liberty Road

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The next update to the local bus system plan will include changes to Local Bus No. 54 and details on the turnaround. The draft will be released before the next round of public hearings this winter, which will provide another opportunity for input the Randallstown community.

Arnett says the MTA will continue to pursue this extension, while taking into consideration all community feedback. The extension, which would also extend the service area for mobility and paratransit service, is scheduled to take effect June 2017.


BaltimoreLink is a complete overhaul and rebranding of the core transit system operating within the city and throughout the greater Baltimore region. Gov. Larry Hogan announced the \$135 million initiative in October, weeks after declaring that he was eliminating state funding for the Red Line project. The Red Line would have connected a 14.1-mile light rail line from Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services in Woodlawn to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in East Baltimore.

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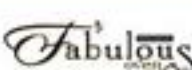
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Expungement Clinic Set for Oct. 1

Learn about how a criminal record can be removed from court and law enforcement records at the Baltimore County District 44 and 10 Expungement Clinic, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Morning Star Community Outreach Center, 6665 Security Blvd. in Woodlawn.

People with criminal records face barriers for jobs, housing and other opportunities, even if they were not found guilty. Maryland laws passed in October 2015 and earlier this year expanding provisions for expungements. The provisions under the Justice Reinvestment Act take effect Oct. 1, 2017.

Financially eligible attendees will have an opportunity to meet with an attorney one-on-one for free civil legal advance and help with erasing their criminal records. The event is free and registration is not required.

Maryland Legal Aid, Del. Charles Sydnor III, Epsilon Nu Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity are sponsoring the clinic.

Participating agencies include the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development will provide resume writing help and job listings, and Maryland Parole Commission will provide information about executive pardons.

For more information, contact Amy Petkovsek at 410-951-7813 or apetkovsek@mdlabor.org, or visit www.mdlabor.org/expungement.

Elected Officials Converge in Randallstown to Address Obama Action Agenda

You will be able to take advantage of a dearth of important and trending information that will be presented by elected officials, subject matter experts and community leaders at an upcoming event.

Organizing for Action, a 501c4 nonprofit and community organizing project that advocates for the agenda of President Barack Obama, is hosting a free symposium on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive. The theme is "We are in this together – organizing for action – building bridges for the future."

State, local and federal elected officials scheduled to participate in the event are: Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, Congressman Elijah Cummings and Congresswoman Donna Edwards, who will share comments about community engagement and the importance of leadership on issues that Americans care about.

The Rev. Todd Yeary, senior pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore, will speak on community action, and William (Billy) Murphy Jr., will present on what people need to know about the law.

District 4 County Councilman Julian Jones will inform attendees on how a local bill becomes law. District 10 delegates will also be involved in the symposium. Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones will speak on economics; Del. Ben Brooks will talk about veterans' issues; and Del. Jay Jalisi will present on the environment.

Other speakers include Christina Flowers, a radio show talk host on WOLB 1010, who will present on homelessness; Carolyn Cuff, Prince George's County OFA chapter lead, who will provide remarks on economic and women's issues; and John Cookson Jr. of Notre Dame University, who will talk about climate change.

The event includes morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch.

Mildred Owens, a Randallstown community leader, is Organizing for Action's DC/Maryland state director. Contact her at 443-854-4082 with questions.



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DPW meeting to address project to widen Windsor Mill Rd. and add sidewalks

The Department of Public Works plans major improvements to Windsor Mill Road between Woodlawn Drive and Featherbed Lane to address decades-old pedestrian safety and traffic issues. If adjacent property-owners support the proposed changes, approximately a half-mile of Windsor Mill Road will be widened and sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the road in the next several years.

To gauge community interest and support, the Department of Public Works will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Community Center, 2120 Gwynn Oak Ave. in Woodlawn.

The proposed work will include widening the roadway from 22 feet to 36 feet and installing curbs, gutters and other necessary drainage improvements, according to the Department of Public Works.

The project is currently in the design phase, and tangible improvements are not anticipated for several years, pending a consensus of adjacent property owners. At that point, the county will negotiate right-of-way agreements with property owners, relocate utility poles and begin construction. Windsor Mill Road is currently

funded only for design, and the project's progress will hinge on local support. This is a capital project and there is no cost to the property owners.

Recognizing the need for sidewalks as a safety issue, the Rev. Emmett Burns and Aaron Barnett spearheaded the effort to collect signatures of support from community residents and deliver them to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. At a District 44B Democratic Club meeting in June, Barnett, club president, and Burns, vice president, invited District 4 Councilman Julian Jones to the meeting to provide an update. Attendees were able to review preliminary plans at the meeting.

For more information, people may contact Rahee Famili or Angelica Daniel, Highway Design Division, Department of Public Works, at 410 887-3739 or send an email to rjfamili@baltimorecountymd.gov or adaniel@baltimorecountymd.gov.

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Del. Charles Sydnor III chats with Mary Breland and Ronnie Stewart after their concerns about the Catonsville District Court coming to Johnnycake Road.

Traffic, Lighting Concern Community About Courthouse Construction

Midday on Fridays, you will find some 2,500 members of the Islamic Society of Baltimore walking to the mosque off Johnnycake Road in Catonsville, says its president, Muhammad Jameel. And on a high holiday, such as on Sept. 11, you may find as many as 14,000 Muslims making their way there.

That traffic will be exacerbated when the State of Maryland constructs a new courthouse on a six-acre site half a mile from the mosque on North Rolling and Johnnycake Roads. The courthouse will replace the Catonsville District Court currently located across from the Wilkens Precinct Police Station and adjacent to the University of Baltimore County campus.

Muhammad and other community members got an update on the plans to relocate the District Court at an Aug. 30 meeting held at the mosque. Representatives from the Department of General Services and Maryland Judiciary presented on the

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A representative from developer Whalen Properties reviews the new courthouse renderings with Muhammad Jameel, president of the Islamic Society of Baltimore, and other community members.

design plans, and answered questions. People had the opportunity to view the renderings, which were first unveiled in June at a meeting with

District 44 legislators and others. It was necessary to hold the forum, said District 10 Delegate Charles Sydnor III, "because there

were concerns that the community expressed to me that I didn't have answers for. I thought it would be best to bring in people intimately involved in the project."

Barry Miller, General Services project manager for the courthouse's construction, told attendees that the project is a done deal but that he would work to address the community's concerns and access the necessary resources to accommodate their needs.

"I'm hoping that Rolling Road and Johnnycake Road will be improved and expanded" to alleviate the traffic, Muhammad said. In addition to wider roads, he said, "People should have sidewalks, extensive lighting since many people walk instead of drive." He added that the lighting will help calm people's fears about a court house that might house sex offenders and other criminals.

Mary Breland, vice president of the Westview Community Association, came with a neighbor, Ronnie Stewart of Village Oak, to hear how parking

and the potential for a significant increase in traffic in the area would be addressed. She was pleased to hear that state officials would work with the community to get changes.

The plan to move the courthouse, which is currently located across from the Wilkens Precinct Police Station and adjacent to the University of Baltimore County campus, to another site in zip code 21228, began in 2002. It got a major boost with \$28.5 million in state funds for the 2017 fiscal year.

The building will be LEED-certified, have five levels and a parking garage to accommodate 425 vehicles. It will triple the District Court's current space to 92,000 square feet and house seven courtrooms. The total gross square footage is 130,000.

Construction on the courthouse is slated to begin in January 2017 and be completed in 2019.

"I envision economic benefits and job opportunities for those who live in the area," said Sydnor. "It's a good infusion for the community."

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Will Macy's at Security Square Mall Close?

With Macy's announcement on Aug. 11 that it is closing 100 full-line stores across the country, it is rumored that the location at the declining Security Square Mall will be one of the stores to be shuttered.

Macy's would not confirm whether the Woodlawn store at 6901 Security Boulevard or any other Maryland stores were among the 100 slated to close, which represent 15 percent of Macy's total portfolio of 728 stores. The closings are part of a strategy to improve the retailer's profit line by maintaining a bricks-and-mortar presence with fewer and better performing stores in 49 of the top 50 U.S. markets.

In recent years and months, shoppers say there appears to be a decline in the quality of the merchandise, more sparse selection of women's shoes and apparel, and fewer salespeople at the former Hecht's store. Last fall, one customer noted, the Security store's holiday decorations were less festive and abundant than locations at the Mall in Columbia and Towson Town Center, which gave the appearance of cost-cutting and neglect.

On a recent Friday evening visit, the store looked near empty. When a shopper casually asked a department manager whether the store was closing, he responded that Macy's would review fourth quarter results before making a determination. "We're doing too well," he claimed of the Security location.

District 4 Councilman Julian Jones stated in an Aug. 31 meeting held to get feedback from the community about the future of Owings Mills Mall that he believes that Security Square location will close because he was made aware of information that a tenant is being sought for the Macy's site.



The community is wondering whether the Macy's at Security Square Mall will be one of the 100 locations that are set to close in early 2017.

The locations of the 100 stores to be closed will be announced at a later date, once the company makes final decisions. Its associates will be informed prior to a public announcement, according to Macy's. Most of 100 stores will close early in 2017, with the balance closing as leases and certain operating covenants expire or are amended or waived.

In a number of cases, stores will be closed as the value of the real estate exceeds their value to Macy's as a retail store. The company will act to remain connected to customers of the stores it will be closing by supplementing merchandise assortments in surrounding locations, as well as through the company's online site and mobile app.

"Nearly all of the stores to be closed are cash flow positive today, but their volume and profitability in most cases have been declining steadily in recent years," said Macy's president Jeff Gennette in a

press release. He added that the retailer decided to close a larger number of stores proactively so it can invest in their most productive and highest-potential locations, and more aggressively in digital and mobile.

Macy's reports that it will communicate its store closing decisions directly with the associates in those locations prior to a public announcement. Associates displaced by store closings may be offered positions in nearby stores where possible. Eligible full-time and part-time associates who are laid off due to the store closing will be offered severance benefits.

The shuttering of Macy's at Security Square Mall will be a blow to shopping in the area. Best Buy also announced last month that it was closing its Security location in October. Macy's also closed its store at Owings Mills Mall, which is being currently demolished.



Following the closing of the Inner Harbor and Hunt Valley stores in 2012, Best Buy's Security location is scheduled to shut its doors on Oct. 29.

Best Buy Closing at Security

Come Oct. 29, the Best Buy store across from Security Square Mall will be a big empty box.

The electronics retailer announced last month that it will close its Woodlawn location at 1701 Belmont Ave, off the 6900 block of Security Boulevard. The Golden Ring store will also close.

Confronted with the realization that consumers' shopping habits have changed, companies are evaluating whether a physical store is needed in an age of increased online shopping and intense competition from companies such as Amazon. Shoppers are visiting physical sites to see, touch and get educated on items such as a TV, refrigerator or laptop, and then purchase it, sometimes cheaper, online.

It is uncertain whether Best Buy consumers can expect a going-out-of-business clearance sale.

Best Buy will maintain its successful online presence.

Council Final Vote Completes Zoning Process

On Aug. 30, the Baltimore County Council concluded the yearlong comprehensive zoning map process (CMZP) it conducts once every four years after considering requests to change the zoning classifications of hundreds of individual properties.

There were a total of 515 zoning issues throughout the seven councilmanic districts. Members of the council met with community members, developers and property owners to come to a resolution on each of the issues.

Councilwoman Vicki Almond, who is also council chair, accepted the Planning Board's recommendations on 25 of the 37 zoning issues in Reisterstown-area District 2 and authorized changes to the board's recommendations for the remaining 12.

District 4 Councilman Julian Jones accepted the board's recommendations on 15 zoning issues in his Randallstown-Owings Mills area district, and changed the recommended classifications on the remaining eight requests.

District 1 Councilman Tom Quirk accepted the Planning Board's recommendations on 18 of 45 zoning issues in District 1, which include Woodlawn and Catonsville, and changed them on the remaining 17.

As part of the CMZP process, the Planning Board, chaired by Scott Phillips, held public hearings in March, and work sessions in April. The board staff and then board members made their recommendations. The council held hearings in June. After additional work sessions, the council reported its final decisions.

The new zoning map will take place on Sept. 1. To see the council's decisions, visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/zoning/czmp2016 and look for the log of issues.



Thesha Lewis, a recipient of the 2015 educator grant, poses with her class and Principal Betty Pettiford at Dogwood Elementary School.

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Local educators are invited to apply for a special mini grant through the Securityplus Federal Credit Union annual educator grant program. The grants would allow teachers to receive up to \$250 to purchase classroom supplies for the upcoming school year.

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Wills, Power of Attorney, Advance Medical Directives

How to prepare for the inevitable is a topic that usually garners a lot of questions, particularly as they relates to wills, financial power of attorney and advance medical directives.

Aaron Plymouth, chair of the Stevenswood Improvement Association, invited community members to learn about the topics. Ellyn Reidl, an attorney with Maryland Volunteer Law Service (MCLS), presented. The nonprofit provides pro bono legal assistance to Marylanders with limited income at low or no cost.

Reidl went through myriad topics that are difficult for many people to discuss with loved ones, but that are necessary to properly prepare for your or a family member's death, incapacity or inability to make decisions. This planning will ensure that your property and assets go where and to whom you want them to, according to the MVLS. This includes wills, life estate deeds, designations on beneficiaries for insurance and

bank accounts, and joint ownership of assets.

An advance directive and living will help you decide what happens when you are sick or dying; a financial power of attorney will help you protect your property and assets when you cannot make decisions; and a will names someone to handle your assets, names guardians for your minor children or dependents, notes where and to whom your assets will go and authorizes payment of your funeral expenses.

"It is important to consult with an attorney when executing these documents," said Reidl.

Some of the need-to-know information Reidl presented includes the following.

Advance Medical Directive

- It appoints a health care agent, or someone who can handle your health decisions if you can't communicate
- It lays out your living will or what

your preferences are in end of life situations. This part is optional.

- You need to sign it and have two witnesses sign the directive. They can be anyone, but not someone who could inherit property from you.
- Once it's signed, make copies to give to your primary care physician and if you feel comfortable, to the health care agent you just chose. You can download the form at
- www.oag.state.md.us/healthpol/AdvanceDirectives.htm

Financial Power of Attorney

The person you appoint can make decisions about what happens to your property, assets and insurance while you are living.

- Be aware that as you make this document, it goes into effect, unless you specify otherwise (like in the case of disability)
- This document must be notarized. It is available at http://mgaleg.Maryland.gov/2015RS/Statute_Web/get/17-02.pdf.
- Power of attorney lasts until your death, or if you decide to change it.
- If you don't have property or wealth, consider whether there are any reasons to give someone Financial power of attorney.
- He or she can deal with insurance on your behalf to get your full benefits for you.
- He or she can also help manage bills or oversee regular business you conduct.

If you do not have a financial power of attorney or advance medical directive, your nearest immediate family members will be able to make key medical decisions on your behalf. However, if you are unable to make decisions and there are no family members who can be your guardian, there are consequences. You become a ward of the state. This involves a lengthy court process, which can be costly with attorney fees that will be taken from your estate. If you have a spouse, he or she does not automatically have financial power of attorney when you are sick. They can only deal with joint assets.

Wills

"Probate [the administrative



Ellen Reidl, an attorney with the Maryland Volunteer Legal Service, spoke at a meeting of the Stevenswood Improvement Association.

process that happens after your death] can be a confusing and long process. A will can make it easier," said Reidl.

It's a good idea to get help putting together a will from an attorney. If you choose to do it yourself, download the forms online and have two witnesses sign it. It can't be handwritten.

Store the will somewhere safe; make sure your representative knows where it is.

You can store it at the Register of Wills for \$5. You are not required to file your will there, although it is encouraged.

Reidl also advised attendees to beware of scams targeting the elderly and vulnerable. There is a grandparent scam, where the scammers say something like, "Grandma, it's me, and say they need financial help; and" the asset recovery scam that targets seniors who have previously been scammed and want to recover lost money. The caller claims they need an upfront fee. If you have been scammed, you can file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General at 410-528-8662.

"We have also seen a rise in ID theft, especially through tax returns (by filing the tax return under someone else's Social Security number)," Reidl said. "It's difficult to unwind that."

The *Northwest Voice* will share information from the Maryland Volunteer Legal Service in upcoming issues. Or, you can visit mvlslaw.org.

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Studying the Triple Bridges at Interstate 70 and 695

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration, working cooperatively with Baltimore County, has initiated the I-70 / I-695 Planning Study. The existing interchange, along with various directional ramps, are informally referred to as the "triple bridges" and are nearing the end of their useful life and will need to be replaced. The purpose of the study is to:

- Identify and evaluate conceptual alternatives to replace the existing triple bridges at the

I-70 / I-695 location;

- Evaluate the interchange ramps and roadway approaches to the ramps; and
- Improve traffic operations and safety at the I-70 / I-695 location, and in the vicinity.

SHA is conducting a survey to include the ideas and recommendations of those who live, work, worship, attend school, shop, and commute through this area into the concepts that are being developed. The 12-question survey may be found at: <http://survey.i70i695study.com>.

Responses received by Sept. 20, 2016 will be reviewed by project team members to help inform the planning process. For more information, visit <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=BA020113>.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

3,000 free backpacks distributed at three locations

To prepare for the upcoming school year, Baltimore County school children picked up 3,000 free backpacks with school supplies at three resource fairs on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Banneker Community Center in Catonsville, Randallstown Community Center, and Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center in Dundalk.

The Back to School events were co-hosted by the Kevin Liles for a Better Baltimore Foundation, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent S. Dallas Dance. Health information and resources was also available for students and parents. Kevin Liles is a graduate of Woodlawn High School, and president and CEO of KWL Enterprises.

See photo gallery of Back to School photos at nwvoicenews.com.

Photos from Northwest Voice.



From top, left to right: District 10 Delegate Ben Brooks chats with students and their parents at the Randallstown book bag distribution event.

Idrissou family moved from Montgomery County last year to Catonsville and found the county resources valuable. Shown are West Africa natives Hashim and Mariatou Idrissou with their 8-year-old

twin daughters Yassira and Yamina and 11-year-old Sophia with their parents.

Deasia Pryer admires her face painting designs.

EMT Firefighter Joey Steinberg of the Catonsville Station #14 gives students a high performance CPR demonstration at Banneker Community Center.

Dawn Howard with a local police officer at the book bag give-a-way event at Banneker Community Center in Catonsville.

Miracle Cottrell, 11, and Cheyanne, 11, prepare to take advantage of the county's first-year early entry orientation program, held Aug. 22. They are heading to Windsor Mill Middle to meet their

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teachers, find their classrooms and get familiar with their new school. Both say they look forward to getting good grades but are anxious about what their teachers and classmates will be like. Miracle's mother, Mary Hill, says she's looking forward to a good school year with improved grades for her daughter. "I'm expecting no bullying, no drama, no issues and where everybody gets along good," she said.

Top: State and Baltimore County Public Schools leaders and elected officials visited schools on the Aug. 24 opening day. Helping to greet students at the Northwest Academy of Health Sciences, formerly Old Court Middle School, were: BCPS

Chief Academic Officer Verletta White, Superintendent S. Dallas Dance, Principal Katina Webster, Del. Ben Brooks and Del. Adrienne Jones.

State and county leaders also visited the newly renovated Catonsville Elementary School, which used to be Catonsville Middle School and housed the State election board. Shown are students getting their lunch in the cafeteria.

Karen Salmon, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, observes a class at Northwest Academy of Health Sciences.



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Walmart Super Center

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in on a proposal being considered by mall owner Kimco Realty to have Walmart anchor the mall with a supercenter, which typically sells groceries, home furnishings and electronics, and include hair and nail salons and other services.

About 500 people attended the meetings held Aug. 29 at the Owings Mills Library and Aug. 31 at the Randallstown Community Center. Both were standing room only.

In the Owings Mills meeting, the crowd got boisterous and chanted, No Walmart! No Walmart!, at times drowning out Jones' explanation that the decision is ultimately the developer's regarding which stores will lease space at the mall.

In Randallstown, people were just as passionate. District 10 Delegate Adrienne Jones told the attendees that the community deserves stores that "we want to shop in." Tony Basemore, executive assistant to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, insisted that Kimco should "reach a little higher." Basemore stated that the hard work the county put into getting Walmart and Ruby Tuesday to open locations on Liberty Road should not go for naught.

"[Kimco] can do anything within zoning by law," Jones said. "My powers as your councilman are somewhat limited but I will use every tool in the toolbox." It is risky, he added, to use the law to put a limit on the amount of mall space a

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District 4 Councilman Julian Jones' request for community input concerning plans for a new Owings Mills Mall attracted some 500 people at two meetings in Owings Mills on Aug. 29 and Randallstown on Aug. 31.



Owings Mills Mall, which closed in January, is expected to be completely demolished by the end of the year.

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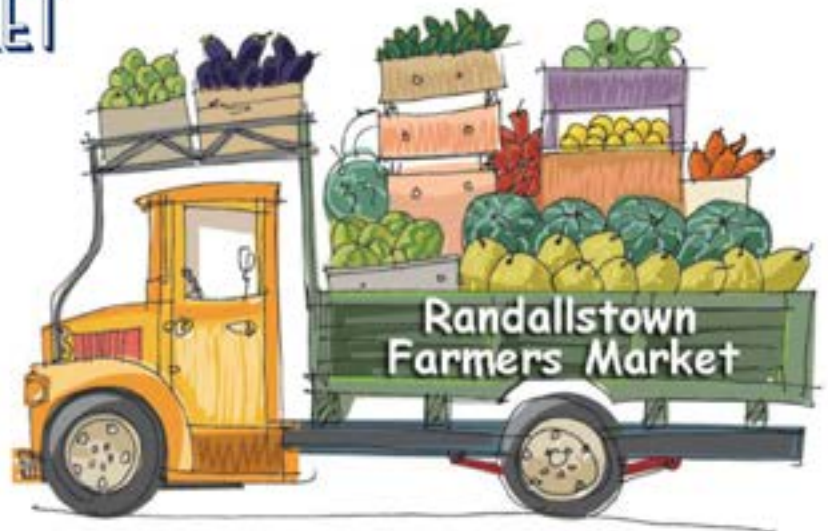
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store could occupy as a way to keep Walmart out. That strategy would also prohibit similar-size stores such as Ikea, Cosco and Lowe's from leasing space.

Jones assured the group that representatives from Kimco were in attendance at the meeting and are hearing the community's concerns first-hand.

One by one, people took to the mics to express their objections to a third Walmart within a four-mile radius and indignation that the developer could not come up with a more creative plan for a community that has one of the highest household incomes in the state, according to the U.S. Census.

Among the suggestions were a museum, arts showcase and high-scale shopping center. Many stated that they do not shop at Towson Town Center and the Mall at Columbia.

"This community has value, and we want something that uplifts and enhances this community instead of settling for whatever is given to us," said one attendee. "We want something more and something better."

Another person criticized developers for not coming up with innovative solutions. The woman also noted the "repetition" of stores on

Liberty Road.

People complained that after a long battle to open a Walmart on Liberty Road commercial district they were troubled that the Randallstown store, along with the one on the 9700 block of Reisterstown Road around the corner from Sam's Club, the retailer could identify it to shut down in favor of the Owings Mills location, which is some about miles away.

Susan Ellerbee, a mass communications teacher at Randallstown High School, shared that many of her students work part-time at the Liberty Road store and would be out of much-needed jobs if that location would close.

There is a Walmart two miles away on Reisterstown Road around the parking lot from Sam's Club, and another that opened in the 8700 block of Liberty Road in Randallstown to much fanfare as part of the efforts to bring more national retail businesses and restaurants to the commercial district of Liberty Road. Randallstown residents are also making the 10-minute trip to a superstore that opened in Eldersburg last fall.

Jones said, "I will do everything in my power to make sure the Randallstown Walmart does not close."



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ADDRESS	STYLE	BEDROOM	BATH	LISTED	CLOSE SALE
WOODLAWN, 21207					
6701 Longhill Rd	Split Foyer	5	3	\$249,000	\$246,000
6818 Richardson Rd	Rancher	3	2	\$209,995	\$203,000
2136 Lorraine Ave	Traditional	3	2	\$169,000	\$150,000
6212 Seton Hill Ln	Colonial	4	2	\$350,900	\$350,000
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
3614 Bellmore Rd	Split Level	3	2	\$235,000	\$230,100
3417 Barkley Wood Rd	Colonial	3	3 ½	\$339,000	\$300,000
7804 Ridegway Pl	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$380,000	\$380,000
2016 Whisper Woods Way	Colonial	3	2 ½	\$215,000	\$210,000
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
11 Apple Tree Ct	Colonial	5	3 ½	\$500,000	\$500,000
1304 Dan Bright Rd	Split Foyer	3	1 ½	\$225,000	\$220,000
1305 Gatefield Rd	Rancher	3	2 ½	\$205,000	\$230,000
7826 Main Falls Cir	Colonial	5	3 ½	\$405,000	\$405,000
27 Highfield Dr	Colonial	3	1 ½	\$359,000	\$359,000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
4909 Old Court Rd	Split Level	4	2 ½	\$229,000	\$220,000
8828 Winands Dr	Colonial	4	2 ½	\$394,000	\$389,000
9604 Button Buck Cir	Townhouse	3	3 ½	\$249,000	\$249,000
4019 Starbrook Rd	Rancher	4	2 ½	\$237,900	\$237,900
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
4724 Old Court Rd	Rancher	4	3 ½	\$245,900	\$236,900
8201 Maxine Cir	Townhouse	3	2 ½	\$449,000	\$449,000
406 Upland Rd	Colonial	3	1 ½	\$229,900	\$222,000
3511 Overbrook Rd	French Prov	4	3 ½	\$669,000	\$615,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
3206 Caves Rd	Contemporary	6	5 ½	\$1,849,000	\$1,500,000
7 Supreme Ct	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$299,900	\$305,000
3217 Patmor	Colonial	3	2 ½	\$349,000	\$332,900
109 Gwynnbros Ave	Colonial	7	5 ½	\$549,750	\$540,000
9724 Bon Haven Ln	Townhouse	3	2 ½	\$225,900	\$225,900
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
114 Cherry Valley Rd	Colonial	5	3 ½	\$285,000	\$280,000
12121 Statewood Rd	Colonial	4	3 ½	\$425,000	\$425,000
2 Tattersaul Ct	Townhouse	3	2 ½	\$215,000	\$215,000
623 Brickston Rd	Townhouse	4	2 ½	\$230,000	\$227,000
1800 Shawn Valley Ln	Split Level	4	2 ½	\$599,000	\$590,000



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