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A free publication serving Owings Mills, Pikesville, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Windsor Mill, Woodlawn and Catonsville neighborhoods.



PHOTO: JANET ANDERSON

Candidates hoping to catch voters' attention erected multiple lawn signs at busy intersections such as this one at Rolling Road and Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville.

Early Voting for Primary Is July 7-14

Candidates for Governor looking to break through to undecided voters

With the Gubernatorial Primary Election set for July 7-14, candidates are in a mad dash to the finish line, aware that their campaigns will end if they do not make it past the Democratic and Republican primary races.

For the past several weeks, citizens have observed an array of lawn signs—large, small and tiny—sprouting up like spring flowers, and even weeds, along roadways, at gas stations and on business park properties, and just about anywhere there is a plot of grass. Voters have been deluged with colorful glossy mailers featuring the smiling faces of candidates and their family members, highlighting their experience, platform and endorsements. Television ads are dominating the airwaves.

In the end, voters will decide who is

the best candidate for statewide, federal and local offices.

Governor

In Baltimore County, voters will choose a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General. In key local races, voters will elect a County Executive, State's Attorney, and representatives to the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates, and Baltimore County's Democratic and Republican State Central Committee. Voters will also elect a member of Congress to a two-year term.

Polls indicate that the governor's race for a Democratic winner is in a statistical dead heat between Comptroller Peter Franchot, former nonprofit executive Wes Moore, and former chair of the

Democratic National Party Tom Perez. Polls indicate a significant percentage of voters remain undecided.

Former Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker III dropped out of the race in June, citing a lack of funds, and six candidates remain: Jon Baron, Doug Gansler, Ralph Jaffe, Ashwaini Jain, John King and Jerome Segal. Interesting, all but two of their running mates are women of color.

On the Republic side, some polls have Trump-endorsed Dan Cox edging Kelly Schultz, the former Secretary of Commerce who has been endorsed by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Comptroller

With Franchot opting out of the Comptroller's race and instead running *Continued on page 8*



From the Publisher, Kenneth Brown

Make Your School Board Vote Count

Nelson Mandela is quoted as saying, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” I agree.

Ensuring their children receive a good education has always been a priority for parents, families, and communities. To have high-performing schools we need quality engaged educators, skilled staff and effective, goal- and results-driven leadership. As is the case with most school systems, Baltimore County Public Schools leadership comes in the form of a superintendent and board of education. It’s essential that they operate collaboratively as a team, communicate well, and put forth creative, bold ideas to achieve the desired outcomes.

The past two superintendents and current one, Darryl Williams, all ended up in the crosshairs of certain board members for various reasons. It may or may not be a coincidence that they are all African American, but it’s a fact worth noting. Shortly before the end of the academic year, things came to a head for Williams, who is in his third year as superintendent. The Randallstown NAACP and TABCO held a rally before the May 17 school board meeting to bring attention to the need for better student academic achievement. The County Council expressed frustration over some issues it had with BCPS, such as a lack of communication, and fired off a letter to Williams on June 7. Five members asked the school board to begin a “comprehensive and wide-ranging” superintendent’s search before renewing Williams’ four-year contract.

Council Chair Julian Jones of District 4 and Izzy Patoka of District 2 did not sign the letter. Tom Quirk of District 1 did, and was very critical of Williams, as was Cathy Bevins. Neither are running for re-election. Referring to the back-and-forth and threats of withholding money as “counterproductive political dialogue,” Williams responded to the council with a five-page letter on June 11 disputing their complaints.

The board held a special meeting behind closed doors on June 14, presumably to discuss the council’s request, as well as its bungled and devious attempt to get rid of BCPS’s chief auditor (that’s another story). Kudos to the elected officials, former board members, community activists, organizations and others who spoke out at the board meeting in favor of Williams’ performance and finishing his contract. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but as we are seeing

around the country, people who go unchecked can be very dangerous.

We know that the pandemic has created extraordinary challenges for all school systems nationwide, including in Baltimore County. Learning loss is an issue, as is teacher and staff shortages and inadequate pay. A shortage of bus drivers resulted in late arrivals and pick-ups or non-arrivals, and parents were forced to transport their students themselves. Lives and routines were disrupted. Some students endured the death and illness of family members from COVID-19, had to care for siblings and family members while parents worked, and missed out on college, and scholarship and internships opportunities. We know how difficult the past two years have been.

For sure, there are things that the superintendent and staff could have done some things differently, and there is still much work to be done. But certain board members refuse to give up trying to do the superintendent’s job and direct him as if he is their personal assistant.

Fortunately, many of these board members are not running for re-election. Some incumbents may try to return through the Baltimore County Board of Education Nomination Commission.

Baltimore County is in its fourth year as a hybrid board of elected and appointed members. As you know it’s election year, and among the candidates for office are seven members of the school board. The Nominating Commission will put forth four names for at-large board members to the newly elected Governor for appointment.

This is my request to you. Normally, many of us would not pay attention to school board elections. But after observing the continued antics, discord and divisiveness of the current board, it is more important than ever that you cast your vote in the Primary Election on July 19 (early voting is July 7-14) for the right people to oversee the system and support our children.

There are seven elected seats. Three of them represent western Baltimore County: District 1 (Catonsville, Woodlawn and Windsor Mill), District 2 (Owings Mills and Pikesville), and District 4 (Randallstown, Owings Mills and Reisterstown). We have solid candidates running in the three districts. The top two vote getters will move to the General Election. Don’t make your choice based on perceived popularity. Talk to the candidates and your community members and leaders. Make the decision for yourselves. We are

looking for someone who will commit to put in the hard work for our kids.

First and foremost, they must be about the kids and not about self. They must willing to listen to the concerns and suggestions of parents, teachers, students and community members, and keep those issues top of mind as they go about the business of

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The *Northwest Voice* is a privately-owned community newspaper founded in 2005 to inform, entertain and inspire, as well as share news of interest to the northwest Baltimore County communities of Owings Mills, Pikesville, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Woodlawn, Windsor Mill and Catonsville.

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Get Ready to Vote in the Primary Election



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Drop boxes are already in place in Baltimore County, including at Woodlawn Community Center. Voters can place their ballots in the drop boxes.

Now that all issues related to redistricting have been settled, all systems are in place for Maryland's Gubernatorial Primary Election, which will be held on July 19, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Early voting takes place Thursday, July 7, through Thursday, July 14, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. For the 8-day early voting period, registered voters can vote by U.S. mail, Board of Election drop box or in person.

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You can vote at any early voting site in the jurisdiction in which you live. Baltimore County has 11 locations, including five in the western part of the county. Remember: If you vote early, you cannot vote on Election Day or by mail-in ballot. Registered voters have always been able to vote during early voting, but now people who are eligible but not yet registered, can register on Election Day and vote with the proper identification documents that prove their residence.

By Mail

Mail-in ballots are not automatically mailed to voters. Any registered voter can request a mail-in ballot online at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov. You don't need a reason to vote by mail-in ballot. It's just another way to vote if you don't want to or can't go to an early voting center or your polling place.

No stamp is needed, as the envelope will already have postage on it. Voters should fill out their ballot, sign the oath on the envelope and place it back in the mail. The ballot must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, July 19. For questions, email electionabsentee@baltimorecountymd.gov.

By Drop Box

For those who would prefer to take their ballot to a physical location instead of mailing it, can do so in a secure ballot drop box 24 hours a day leading up to Primary Election Day on July 19. Addressing concerns about security, the Board of Elections emphasizes that no one has access to the drop off boxes except for trusted election officials, and they will pick up ballots from the boxes every day. The drop off boxes are not the property of the United States Postal Service.

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Ways to Vote

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The boxes will be locked and will not accept ballots after 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19. Again, make sure that the return envelope for your ballot is sealed and that the oath is signed before returning it.

If you don't get an opportunity vote during the early voting period, you can still vote on Election Day, July 19. On Primary Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling location, which most likely will not be an early voting location. Your polling place and election district, which may have changed because of redistricting, are noted on the voter notification card that was mailed to your home. You can also look it up at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov. Also, voters registered as Democrats will select Democratic candidates and those registered as Republican will choose Republican candidates. Voters registered as Independent cannot vote in the Primary Elections.

Early Voting Sites and Voting Drop Box Locations

Early Voting Sites

Arbutus Recreation Center
865 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Halethorpe, MD 21227

Metro Centre at Owings Mills,
County Campus
10302 Grand Central Ave.,
3rd floor
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Baltimore County Board of
Elections
11112 Gilroy Rd., Suite 104
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Franklin High School
12000 Reisterstown Rd.
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Randallstown Community
Center
3505 Resources Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

Woodlawn High School
1801 Woodlawn Drive
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

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938 York Rd.
Towson, MD 21204

Dundalk High School
1902 Delvale Rd.
Dundalk, MD 21222

Jacksonville Recreation Center
at Sweet Air Park
3605B Sweet Air Rd.
Phoenix, MD 21131

Perry Hall High School-Fine
Arts Lobby
4601 Ebenezer Rd.
Nottingham, MD 21236

Victory Villa Community
Center
404 Compass Rd. E
Middle River, MD 21220

*Note: Woodlawn Community
Center and Reisterstown
Senior Center are not early
voting sites this year.*

**Drop boxes are located at
the early voting sites, as well
as the locations below.**

Catonsville High School
421 Bloomsbury Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228

Catonsville Middle School
2301 Edmondson Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228

Milford Mill Academy
3800 Washington Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21244

Millbrook Elementary School
4300 Crest Heights Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21215

New Town High School
4921 New Town Blvd.
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Northwest Academy of
Health Sciences
4627 Old Court Rd.
Pikesville, MD 21208

Pikesville High School
7621 Labyrinth Rd.
Pikesville, MD 21208

Randallstown High School
4000 Offutt Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133

Reisterstown Senior Center
12035 Reisterstown Rd.
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4,063 – Republican
6,979 – Unaffiliated

Baltimore County

Total Active Registered Voters

309,893 – Democratic
137,429 – Republican
108,021 – Unaffiliated
10,386 – All other parties/groups
565,729 – Total

Most Voters by Jurisdiction

Montgomery Co. – 674,603
Prince George's Co. – 599,242
Baltimore Co. – 565,729
Anne Arundel Co. – 408,772
Baltimore City – 392,776

Data is as of May 2022

Voters to Choose State, Local Attorney Generals

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for Governor, candidates Brooke Lierman, an attorney and Baltimore City delegate, and Tim Adams, mayor of Bowie and CEO of a technology company, jumped into the ring to become the state's chief financial officer. With a catchy theme, "Let's roll, Maryland," Adams is looking to address inequities and open economic opportunities. Lierman who has the backing of many of her colleagues in the Maryland General Assembly, is also advocating for financial equity.

Attorney General

Two candidates connected with former governor and Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley are squaring off against each other in the contest for Attorney General. The retirement of Brian Frosh after two terms as the state's top prosecutor prompted two highly regarded candidates to run without an incumbent in the race. U.S. Rep. Anthony Brown is an Army veteran, attorney, and congressman

representing Prince George's County. Brown also is a former state legislator and O'Malley's former lieutenant governor. O'Malley's wife, Katie O'Malley, is a former assistant state's attorney who retired last year after 20 years as a District Court Judge for Maryland.

State's Attorney

Another race to watch is that of State's Attorney for Baltimore County. Are voters ready for a change? Scott Shellenberger, first elected in 2006 with a tough-on-crime stance and returned to office three times, has his first challenger in Robbie Leonard, a private attorney and secretary of the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee. In recent political forums, Shellenberger, who has not faced a Democratic challenge in 22 years, highlighted his deep experience as a prosecutor.

Leonard emphasized his work as a public defender advocating for victims and as a private attorney. He

criticized Shellenberger as being a voice of the Fraternal Order of Police. Using documentation provided by the Baltimore County Police Department, Shellenberger found that Officer Ruby was justified in the 2016 fatally shooting Randallstown mother Korryn Gaines and seriously injuring her 5-year-old son. When the Baltimore County Council held hearings on police reform, Shellenberger, Baltimore County police chief and FOP all pushed back.

Senate and House of Delegates

Redistricting changed the political boundaries of several districts in western Baltimore County and prompted several candidates to run for office. There are some new and returning players campaigning to represent Districts 10, which includes Randallstown, parts of Reisterstown, Owings Mills and Windsor Mill, and now dips further south; and District 11, which has been subdivided into Owings Mills and Pikesville.

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Jennifer White - House of Delegates

If You're Not Registered to Vote, You Can Register on Election Day

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Linda Dorsey-Walker and other members of the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee hold voter registration and register voters to sign a petition for a referendum to add four more seats to the County Council.

There is discontent about government's role in resolving issues and many opinions about who is best qualified and positioned to fix them. One way that citizens can impact the election process to be making sure they, their friends, family members and neighbors, are registered to vote in Maryland.

If you are not registered to vote, and do not get the opportunity to register before the June 28 deadline, you can do so on Election Day.

For same-day voting, go to an early voting center in the county where you live during early voting, or go to your assigned election day polling place and bring a document that provides proof of residency.

To prove where you live, bring your MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, or your paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with your name and new address.

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Free Summer Concerts

Enjoy performances from local bands playing a variety of live music. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

- The Catonsville Chamber of Commerce presents its Frederick Road Friday Concerts on Fridays through Aug. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 15 Mellor Ave. in Catonsville.
- **Lurman Woodland Theatre** weekend concerts take place Saturdays and Sundays, 5 to 7 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. depending on the concert. The bands will play on the grounds of Catonsville High School, at 315 Bloomsbury Ave., in Catonsville.
- **Music on Main Street** kicks off July 1 through Aug. 26, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., 120 Main Street and Cockeys Mill Rd. in Reisterstown.
- **Foundry Row** in Owings Mills summer

concerts take place Thursdays through Aug. 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the shopping center's "main street."

Local Farmers Markets

- **Original Catonsville Farmers Market** takes place Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, at The Christian Temple, 5820 Edmondson Ave., Catonsville.
- **Sunday Farmers Market**, Sundays through Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 15 Mellor Ave., Catonsville. It's sponsored by the Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce.
- **Pikesville Farmers Market**, Tuesdays through Nov. 29, 2 to 6 p.m., Pomona Square, 1700 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville. The market is sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.
- **Northwest Chamber's Farmers Market**, Wednesdays through October from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 4770 Owings Mills

Blvd., Owings Mills. There will be special activities on certain dates.

- **Reisterstown Farmers Market**, Sundays through Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Franklin Middle School, 10 Cockeys Mill Rd. in Reisterstown. Organized by the Reisterstown Improvement Association.

Lawyers in the Library, July 13, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Woodlawn Library, and July 27, 3 to 6 p.m. Randallstown Library. Maryland Legal Aid lawyers are on hand to offer free legal advice for eligible individuals. Bring all relevant documents. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis to those eligible. For more information about eligibility requirements, visit mdl.org.

Narcan Training: Community Outreach and Harm Reduction. July 11, 1 to 5 p.m., and July 28, 1 to 4 p.m. in the Owings Mills Library. The

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3. Active Community Member and Voice, as a Resident of District 004, Faith-Based Leader.
4. Board Certified Life Coach.

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Baltimore County Department of Health is offering free, on-the-spot opioid overdose response training on recognizing, preventing and responding to an opioid overdose using intranasal naloxone. Attendees receive a completion certificate, a prescription for naloxone and a kit containing the medication.

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Tuesday, July 12, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Owings Mills Library. Connect with a SNAP benefit eligibility specialist to help locate resources and services to support you and your family.

School Board

Upcoming meetings of the Baltimore County Board of Education will be July 12 and Aug. 9 and 23, 6:30 p.m. at the board's Greenwood campus, Building E, Room 114, 6901 N. Charles St. in Towson. To watch the meetings online, go to bcps.org/video/liveStream.html. You can submit comments to the board at boe@bcps.org.

County Council

Upcoming legislative sessions of the County Council will be held via web conferencing at 6 p.m. on July 5 and Aug. 1, with work sessions on June 28, July 26 and Aug. 30. The Police Department will give its annual report on July 5 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, including on the agendas and instructions to watch the meeting online and testify, visit baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/virtualmeetings.html or you may call 410-887-3916 for more information. The public are encouraged to provide written testimony or comment via email at countycouncil@baltimorecountymd.gov or traditional mail.

Police Community Relations Council

These councils consist of community leaders, interested citizens and representatives of the local business community, which meet to resolve issues of concern and provide an open forum. Many meetings are now held online and/or may be paused during the summer.

- Wilkens Precinct 1 meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The police precinct station number is 410-887-5165.
- Woodlawn Precinct 2 meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. The precinct station number is 410-887-4714.
- Franklin Precinct 3 meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month. The precinct station number is 410-887-6985.
- Pikesville Precinct 4 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. The precinct contact number is 410-887-6775.

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More than 7,000 students graduated from Baltimore County Public Schools in May. In addition to family members and friends, among those attending the graduation ceremonies were BCPS Superintendent Darryl Williams, Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, other elected officials, principals and staff, and school board members. Graduates experienced a tough school year as they transitioned from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations to them as they pursue the next phase of life, be it college, trade school, work, starting their own businesses, or other endeavors.

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Top: Members of the District 10 Unity Team (center with gold tops) are Jennifer White, Speaker Adrienne Jones, Del. Ben Brook and Scott Phillips. They're flanked by supporters. Bottom: Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones (right) endorses Wes Moore and his running mate Arunah Miller for Governor and Lt. Governor at the Benjamin Banneker Museum.



3 Incumbents Running for 2 Delegate Seats in District 11

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District 44 remains subdivided but no longer includes Baltimore City but adds more of the southwestern area.

In District 10, four candidates are vying to become Senator and succeed Delores Kelley, who retired after 24 years in the legislature. However, the races are expected to come down to delegates Ben Brooks and Jay Jalisi.

Jalisi, a Reisterstown Democrat was reprimanded in 2019 by the House of Delegates 136-0 after a legislative ethics investigation under former Speaker Michael Busch found he used abusive behavior toward his staff and did not pay them for time worked. He was directed to take anger management classes. Jalisi is counting on his social events and new voters from Districts 44 and 12 that may not be familiar with his record to give him a promotion.

Brooks, who touts his experience as an active community member and advocate for financial literacy in schools and tax enhancements, is counting on voters to send him to the Senate. Brooks is part of the Unity Team, which includes Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones, attorney Scott Phillips and Jennifer White, a senior policy and community engagement officer t.

Jones, Phillips and White are among the 10 candidates running for House of Delegates. Others include new faces such as Reuben Amaya, former

school board student member, and perennial candidates such as Michael Brown, a retired state correctional and juvenile justice executive and criminal justice instructor.

In District 11, Shelly Hettleman, who was appointed to replace Sen. Bobby Zirkin when he resigned in January 2020, is unopposed. In the race for House of Delegates, former school board member Cheryl Pasteur also has no challenger in the new District 11A, Owings Mills. That leaves three incumbent delegates, Lisa Belcastro, who was appointed to the position, Jon Cardin and Dana Stein, executive director of a nonprofit, to fight it out for two seats in District 11B, Pikesville.

District 44 is also a race to watch. Sen. Charles Sydnor III, a former delegate who was appointed to the position in 2020 after Sen. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam resigned, is up against Ilyas Chohan, a business owner.

Among the six candidates for House of Delegates are Bishop Barry Chapman, a business owner and retired state executive and union official, Patrick Cusick, a program manager, Aisha Khan, a business owner, and Aletheia McCaskill, business owner and union official, Shazia Shah, a business owner concerned about human trafficking in the county, and Del. Sheila Ruth, a community activist who was appointed to the House in 2020.

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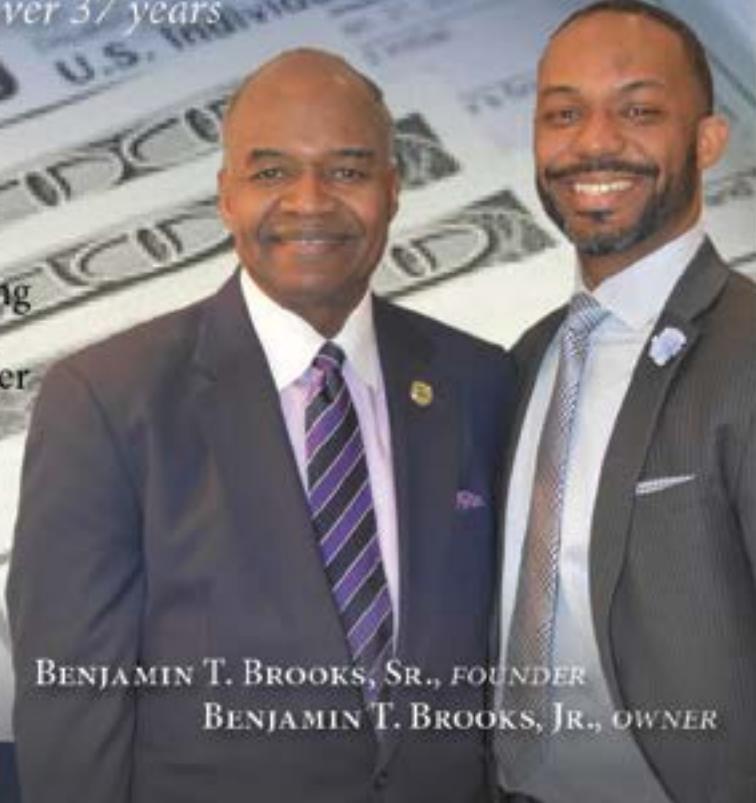
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Groundbreaking Officially Kicks Off Construction of New Summit Park Elementary

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Summit Park Elementary School in Pikesville is getting a new replacement school that is scheduled to open to students in 2024. Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Darryl Williams, County Executive Johnny Olszewski, former Board of Education chair Maketa Scott, other elected officials and school board members, joined students for the official groundbreaking on May 19. The \$59.3 million construction project will more than double the size of the school from a capacity of 336 seats to 735 seats, in addition to providing 100,441 square feet—more than twice the size of the existing school. The new school is designed to relieve overcrowding and to provide a modern learning center for the community.

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Woodlawn Middle Officer Honored as SRO of the Year



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Kameia Dukes is BCPS Middle School Resource Officer of the Year.

Officer Kameia Dukes, who is assigned to Woodlawn Middle School, has been named 2022 Baltimore County Public Schools' Middle School Resource Officer of the Year.

Described as reliable, flexible and fair, Woodlawn Middle staff and administrators say Dukes often participates in restorative circles, mediations, and conflict resolution, and is seen during the school day greeting students, walking through the building, and talking to students and staff in the cafeteria.

BCPS also honored Frank Gullion, an officer

who serves several schools in the northeast, as Elementary School Resource Officer of Year. Craig Willett, officer first class, is based at Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts.

BCPS partners with Baltimore County Police Department to support school safety. April Lewis, executive director of the BCPS Department of School Safety, says three officers who go "above and beyond their job descriptions" are recognized each year.

The officers were surprised in separate ceremonies at their schools.

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New Student School Board Member to Start Term in July



PHOTO: BCPS

Roah Hassan

Perry Hall High School junior Roah Hassan has been selected to serve as the student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. Hassan's one-year term begins July 1, 2022.

A record number of 13,169 middle- and high-school students cast online ballots in March, according to BCPS. This is the third year that all BCPS middle and high school students

could select the student member of the board and the second year, due to a change in Maryland law, that the student selection no longer needs approval from the governor.

Prior to voting, students were able to learn more about both candidates by viewing their resumes, videotaped speeches and Q&A sessions.

In her speech, Hassan said she would address social inequities and advocated for better student mental health resources, support for students of color and LGBTQ+ students, and educational justice. She said, "Until our systems reflect every single student in BCPS, there will always be work to be done, work that I am prepared to fight for."

She continued, "I will ensure that student mental health is at the forefront of our conversations and that students of color and LGBTQ+ students feel safe in their schools."

Former Teacher Appointed to Replace Cheryl Pasteur on the School Board

Felicia Stolusky, a retired Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) educator, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Education of Baltimore County. She will represent District 2, which includes Pikesville and Owings Mills.

Stolusky was nominated by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission and appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to complete the term of former board member Cheryl Pasteur. Pasteur was the board's vice chair at the time she resigned her position in February, a requirement under state law once she announced her candidacy for the House of Delegates to represent District 11A.

Stolusky worked as a BCPS middle school teacher for 19 years until her retirement in 2016, and as a substitute teacher for four years until 2020. A resident of Owings Mills, she lives with her husband



PHOTO: BCPS

Felicia Stolusky will represent District 2 on the school board.

and two children, both of whom attend BCPS high schools.

Stolusky will officially join the board once she is sworn in by the Clerk of the County. Her term will end Dec. 2, 2022.



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Baltimore County's \$4.4B Budget Takes Effect July

The Baltimore County Council adopted a \$2.6 billion general fund budget and capital budget of \$328 million that presented by County Executive Johnny Olszewski. The budget for fiscal year 2023 takes effect July 1, 2022, and aligns with the county's strategic goals to ensure vibrant communities, educational excellence and lifelong learning, equitable decision making, sustainability, government accountability and workforce empowerment. There is no increase in property and income tax.

In his budget message on May 26, Council Chair Julian Jones, also the councilman representing District 4 (Randallstown and Owings Mills), said the noted that council members were not making any cuts to the proposal, "mostly to our agreement that the investments this Administration is proposing are necessary and in some instances overdue."

Overall, the county's finances were helped by an injection of \$144 million in federal CARES Act stimulus funds in 2020, which helped residents during the pandemic who lost their jobs or had reduced hours, entrepreneurs keep their businesses operating, people at risk for foreclosure or eviction pay their rent and mortgages. The \$161 million in American Rescue Plan funds provided recovery grants, economic and community revitalization, and additional health and safety initiatives, Jones stated.

Approximately \$420 million in the state's "Built To Learn Act" funds is helping with school construction.

Funding approved in the FY 2023 budget includes a replacement school for Scotts Branch Elementary and to expand career and technical education in the northwest area.

A total of \$91.6 million was approved for repairs, maintenance, roofing and windows for county libraries, senior centers and other facilities. Projects include the Greenspring Campus Police Training Academy expansion, Woodlawn Library renovation, Catonsville Fire Station replacement planning and design, Volunteer Fire Company Grant Fund, and Woodlawn Senior Center expansion.

The capital budget also includes \$45.5 million in recreation and parks projects, highlighted by the Greens Lane STEAM Center Park design and construction, enhancements at Oregon Ridge Park and Banneker Historical Park and Museum, Gwynn Oak Park destination playgrounds, Randallstown Community Center renovations design, and additional pavilions at Northwest Regional Park, and countywide athletic field construct.

To address food insecurity, the county approved "record funding" for Summer SNAP for Children to help lower-income families put food on the table for school-age children during the summer months and winter break when they don't have

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Woodlawn Senior Center, Woodlawn Library to be expanded

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access to school breakfast and lunch. As a result of nearly \$2.8 million in contributions from the state and county, SNAP will serve nearly 28,000 children between the ages of seven and 18. Additionally, Jones said, the Department of Housing and Community Development will receive the resources it needs to expand foreclosure and eviction prevention services, and to develop strategies to increase affordable housing opportunities.

Jones expressed concern about the vacancies within the Police Department and the decision to add personnel to a department that is already not fully staffed. “I understand the desire to hire data scientists to support officers and detectives with intelligence and tactical analysis, as well as other civilian employees,” he said. “In a perfect world, my preference would be to fill our current officer vacancies and add more police officers on the street to serve our communities more directly, especially in areas with the highest crime rates.”

When it comes to educating students, Jones said, “BCPS leadership, and specifically the Board and the Superintendent, need to do much better, particularly with the financial resources

at their disposal.” Calling school bus driver shortage “perhaps the most urgent situation,” Jones called on leaders to consider more creative solutions such as part time drivers, job-sharing, or scheduled rolling service reductions so that students arrive to classes on time.

The education budget for Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) and Community College of Baltimore County is \$1.15 billion. Jones praised the College Promise Program, which gives full tuition to eligible county residents, and the success of the Early College High Schools, which give students at Woodlawn, Dundalk, and Owings Mills high schools the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and an associate’s degree.

Thanks to additional county funding, BCPS will be able to afford step and cost-of-living adjustments increases, salary restructurings for bus drivers and attendants and minimum wage increases, and increased employee and retiree benefits. “At the same time, the current high level of vacancies poses pressing challenges to recruit and retain qualified employees — from teachers, to bus drivers, to facility maintenance staff,” Jones said.

Capital Budget Highlights

	\$2M Sidewalks & Roads 7 Mile Lane sidewalk Ingleside Avenue sidewalk	Pikesville pedestrian improvements Heritage Trail
	\$20M Security Square Mall improvements* \$1.1M Pikesville Armory \$3M Banneker Historical Park and Museum enhancements* \$7.3M STEAM Center – Greens Lake Park design and construction* \$250K Bedford Road Park site design (formerly Pahl's farm property) \$250K Northwest Regional Park splash pad	
	Education \$1.1M Expansion of Judy Center \$2.5M BCPS career and technical education westside facility* \$17M BCPS security vestibules and cameras* \$13M Woodlawn Library design, renovation and replacement*	
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Primary Election

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County Executive

First-term County Executive Johnny Olszewski is expected to win against his sole Democratic challenger. There are two candidates competing for the Republican nomination.

County Council

After a contentious battle that ending in a successful lawsuit by the NAACP and county residents to redraw Baltimore County's political boundaries in order to give more blacks and people of color a fairer opportunity in elections, four African American candidates threw their hat in the ring in four districts.

Councilman Tom Quirk is not running for re-election in District 1. Danielle Singley, a Baltimore County program manager, is competing with two-term Delegate Pat Young and three-time candidate and business owner Paul Dongarra. Singley chaired of the Randallstown NAACP's task force to revitalize Security Square Mall and was instrumental in getting attention focused on the mall.

Dongarra is claiming that by turning in a local developer to a special prosecutor for illegally funneling money to Councilman Tom Quirk, he helped provide funds to revitalize Security Square Mall.

In District 2, Tony Fugett, a state budget and management director and former president of the NAACP Baltimore County, is taking on Izzy Patoka, a first-term councilman. Fugett was key in pushing the county on increasing affordable housing.

Though Julian Jones, who as chair of the County Council pushed back on proposed maps to increase minority representation in his district and others, is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

On the east side, Crystal Francis, former chair of the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee, is running in District 5, and hopes to take on the Republican incumbent. Shafiq Hinton, who is in real estate and health care, is running in District 6 for the seat left vacant by incumbent Cathy Bevins.

Board of Education

With myriad issues taking center stage in public schools, such as critical

race theory, safety and security, learning loss, and mental health challenge, more attention is being focused on the elections for Baltimore County Board of Education. Since the elections are non-partisan, candidates' names will appear on both the Democratic and Republican ballots. The top two vote getters in each district will move to the General Election.

Western Baltimore County is covered by District 1 (Catonsville, Windsor Mill and Lansdowne), District 2 (Lochearn, Pikesville, Owings Mills) and District

4 (Randallstown, Reisterstown and Owings Mills), and those districts are the only ones in the county with run-off elections. Robin Harvey, a social worker and small business owner, is one of three candidates running for school board for District 1. The current representative, Lisa Mack, is not running for re-election.

In District 2, LaShaune Stitt, an educator, is one of three candidates for the school board. Stitt is hoping to continue the work of Cheryl Pasteur, who resigned as District 2's

representative on the school board to run for the House of Delegates.

In District 4, four candidates are vying to replace Makeda Scott, who served one year as chair. Scott is not running for re-election. On the ballot for District 4 are: J. Michael Collins, a member of the Republican Central Committee, Samay Singh Kindra, a law student and member of the Democratic Central Committee; Brenda Hatcher-Savoy, a member of several county commissions; and Autrese Thornton, *Continued on next page*

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Samay Singh Kindra
For Board of Education District 4

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a former educator who works with adults with disabilities and certified life coach. Thornton is making her second run for the board.

Democratic State Central Committee

The races are wide open for the Central Committees. In District 44, George White, Northwest Voice photographer and community activist who attends just about every major event and activity in the west part of the county, is running for re-election on the Central Committee. White, a military veteran, also volunteers with the homeless and is a member of the Woodlawn Senior Council. Chapman, also a community advocate, is also looking to be re-elected to another term. Incumbents Danny Blount and Danyell Winkey Smith, and Baltimore County NAACP president Danita Tolson are running in District 10, and Linda Dorsey-Walker is running in District 11.

Congress

For Congress, the incumbents in the redrawn districts are Representatives Dutch Ruppersberger, District 2, John Sarbanes, District 3, and Kweisi Mfume, District 7. They have little competition.

Free Summer Meals for Youth 18 Years of Age and Under

To make sure students receive a nutritious meal when they are not in class, Baltimore County Public Schools will

offer free breakfast and lunch meals through the Summer Food Service Program, which began in June and continues

through Friday, Aug. 19. Meals will be served Monday through Friday, but sites will be closed on Tuesday, July 19.



Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided at the following sites and times. Meals must be eaten on site.

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3335 Washington Ave. 21244
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Hernwood Elementary
9919 Marriottsville Rd. 21133
9-9:30 a.m. and 12-12:30 p.m.

Milbrook Elementary
4300 Crest Heights Rd. 21215
8-8:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

New Town High
4931 New Town Blvd. 21117
8-8:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

Owings Mills Elementary
10824 Reisterstown Rd. 21117
8-8:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

Winfield Elementary
8300 Carlson Lane, 21244
8-8:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

Woodlawn Middle
3033 St. Lukes Lane, 21207
8-8:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

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The Woodlawn Senior Center installed its executive council members on June 16, with County Executive Johnny Olszewski administering the oath of office. Council members George White and Charolene Oliver flank center director Jacqueline Lofton and Kirk Mitchell of the county's Office of Community Engagement.

Publisher's Column: School Board

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the board.

Serving on the board is not a club and another organization to add to your resume. Board members must be able to comprehend, analyze the data, reports and presentations, read between the lines, ask thoughtful questions. They must be collegial but assertive, and willing to articulate and advocate for what's right and what's needed for their district, which is very likely different from those on the east side. They must make sure they're not used or played. They must be willing to take difficult positions for the good of the community, and not go along just to get along.

Around the country, people are trying to change the politics of the state and community through the school board.

These outsiders, who are not teachers and have no connection with the schools or education, looking to impose their out-of-touch agendas on our schools. They are attempting to shape a new generation and hijack our schools to do it. Some are conservatives, some are activists, some are nuts. We have to fight these devious influences and know

when a scheme is at work.

Most recently, in Texas, some folks want schools to start teaching about slavery and call it involuntary relocation. Critical race theory became a negative concept after conservatives got things twisted. Parental rights became more extreme with the Virginia and Florida elections. Politicians and certain groups want to take certain books out of schools. Some do not want anything related to LGBTQ+ taught in the classrooms. In Carroll County, the school board voted to ban certain flags. Our children are of various cultures, experiences and backgrounds, and they need to be our priority—not pawns for political purposes.

I encourage you to find some time to watch the video or read the transcripts of some of these board meetings. You'll find them at bcps.org under the leadership > board of education meetings tab. You'll be able to discern what type of representative we need.

We must thank the board members who went to bat for our children, particularly former chair Makeda Scott, former vice chair Cheryl Pasteur and board member Moalie Jose. Your work is very much appreciated!

Welcome Our New Neighbors

Welcome our new neighbor is a list of some residential sales in the coverage area of The Northwest Voice Newspaper from the previous month. This will be a feature every monthly issue. This list is from the MRIS and is provided courtesy of Tammy Rollins, Broker of Rollins & Associates Real Estate, 201 Milford Mill Road, Pikesville. The list includes address, style, bedrooms, bath, list price and closing price.



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2013 Hillside Dr	Rancher	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$283,000	\$283,000
3411 Mayfair Rd	Cape Cod	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$244,900	\$244,900
1517 Claridge Rd	Colonial	3 Bedrm	1 1/2 Bath	\$183,999	\$191,000
WINDSOR MILLS, 21244					
8230 Dogwood Rd	Bungalow	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$750,000.00	\$750,000
2026 Ivory Brook Rd	Traditional	3 Bedrm	2 (3) 1/2 Bath	\$433,790	\$448,290
3400 Rockdale Ct	Rancher	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$325,000	\$400,000
2738 Claybrooke Dr	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 (2) 1/2 Bath	\$299,000	\$325,000
7265 Fairbrook Rd	Contemporary	3 Bedrm	1 1/2 Bath	\$245,000	\$268,000
CATONSVILLE, 21228					
2227 W Geipe Rd	Victorian	5 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$620,000	\$652,500
4 Hay Pasture Ct	Colonial	3 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$580,000	\$580,000
509 Forest Ln	Cape Cod	2 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$425,000	\$425,000
5206 Wilkens	Split Level	5 Bedrm	4 Bath	399,900	\$400,000
133 Garden Ridge Rd	Traditional	3 Bedrm	2 Bath	270000	265000
RANDALLSTOWN, 21133					
4111 Bald Eagle Ct	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 (2) 1/2 Bath	\$595,000	\$595,000
10707 Marriottsville Rd	Rancher	4 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$500,000	\$500,000
30 Hobart Ct	Colonial	6 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$420,000	\$430,000
3525 Corn Stream Rd	Traditional	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$299,900	\$325,000
3837 Elmcraft Rd	Rancher	3 Bedrm	1 Bath	\$150,000	\$155,000
PIKESVILLE, 21208					
3410 Manor Hill Rd	Rancher	5 Bedrm	3 Bath	\$609,999	\$620,000
7636 Carla Rd	Rancher	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$580,000	\$577,500
4102 Windridge Rd,	Colonial	5 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$479,993	\$472,500
561 Sudbrook Ln	Traditional	4 Bedrm	2 (2) 1/2 Bath	\$359,900	\$400,900
8260 Kings Crown Rd	Colonial	4 Bedrm	1 1/2 Bath	\$210,000	\$210,000
OWINGS MILLS, 21117					
2 Aston Ct	Traditional	5 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$699,900	\$785,000
4 Circuit Ct	Colonial	4 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$450,000	\$501,000
9124 Marlowe Oaks Ln	Colonial	5 Bedrm	2 (2) 1/2 Bath	\$437,000	\$437,000
5002 Gold Hill Rd	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$299,900	\$320,000
13 Winshire Ct	Colonial	3 Bedrm	2 1/2 Bath	\$283,000	\$283,000
REISTERSTOWN, 21136					
3706 Timber View Way	Colonial	8 Bedrm	5 1/2 Bath	\$775,000	\$775,000
4 Bridle Ct	Traditional	5 Bedrm	3 (2) 1/2 Bath	\$529,900	\$530,000
2 Marbledale Ct	Split Level	4 Bedrm	2 Bath	\$409,950	\$409,950
18 Caraway Rd	Colonial	3 Bedrm	3 1/2 Bath	\$380,000	\$360,000
37 Craftsman Ct	Colonial	3 Bedrm	1 1/2 Bath	\$225,000	\$252,000



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