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***Prior to meeting the Howard County Watershed Stewards we had limited knowledge about stormwater runoff. Living in western Howard county we did not believe that it was something we needed to be concerned about. When talking with our neighbors about stormwater runoff, they all have similar beliefs that our runoff doesn't cause a problem. After being educated by the stewards at an outreach event we now realize that stormwater runoff affects all of us. Therefore, we believe it is critical that the Howard County Watershed Stewards program continue if we as a county are going to move forward in controlling stormwater runoff.***

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Ken and Carolyn Derrenbacher

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** stukohn@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 10:23 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Chris Alleva; stukohn@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Thanks For Your Perseverance

Dear Council Members,

I can't begin to thank you enough for your perseverance and conscientiousness regarding security in the libraries as witnessed at your Work Session. A point I would like to reiterate is that some employees have major concerns as they have told Chris Alleva and me. One of these concerns is that their backs are facing the elevators at the Central Library on the second floor and therefore do not immediately see patrons if they choose to use the elevator. We have received feedback from them and they are very pleased of us and you being very proactive in trying to improve security for all. This is undoubtedly much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Timothy Beaty <tsbeaty@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 11:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Oakland mills community

please vote for

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United Airlines	Actions Speak Louder than Words : To ensure delivery to your inbox, please add <a href="mailto:UnitedAirlines@news.united.com">UnitedAirlines@news.united.com</a> to your address book. Vi	7:10 pm
unitedairlines	CodeShare check-in notification - UA9117 departing ALA : United confirmation number: B991YC The first flight in your upcoming United itinerary is operated by	6:10 pm
unitedairlines	CodeShare check-in notification - UA9117 departing ALA : United confirmation number: P3DJHV The first flight in your upcoming United itinerary is operated by	6:10 pm
WTOP Daily Headlines	Trump tweetstorm targets Dems as shutdown looms - WTOP Afternoon Headlines - Thursday, April 27, 2017 : A short-term spending bill is reportedly expected to pass easily, averting a shutdown of the federal	5:16 pm
The Washington Post	Afternoon Buzz: Metro says it will expedite repairs after nightmare commute Thursday morning : Virginia gov's race gets weird, as GOP candidate spars on Twitter with musician John Legend; Nation'	4:51 pm
Christ Episcopal Church	Christ Church Gatherings : April 27th Edition : CHRIST CHURCH GATHERINGS A NOTE FROM FR. EARL Dear Parish Family, Thank you for making me feel at ho	4:19 pm
Pamela Rounsley	Re: Addresses : Glad you are doing well! Mark & I had a nice time with the kids in the city, but it wore me out! We	4:08 pm
Pamela Rounsley	Re: Addresses : Steven- 5841 Village Bridge Drive Hilliard Ohio 43026 Allen- 628 E 20th ST Apt 4F New York NY 10009	3:43 pm
The Washington Post	The Post Most: North Korea puts out new video showing the White House in crosshairs and carriers exploding : North Korea puts out new video showing the White House in crosshairs and carriers exploding; Top Pen	3:04 pm

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland	The 233rd Diocesan Convention, May 12-13, 2017 : View this email in your browser [Facebook] [Twitter] [Instagram] Diocese of Maryland Cathedral of th	1:12 pm
The Washington Post	The Daily 202: Trump is setting up Paul Ryan to be his fall guy : The Speaker is less powerful than we expected 100 days ago   Sponsored by Morgan Stanley If you're h	12:39 pm
Carolyn Ryan	Re: Addresses : Sounds like you're having a great trip! I am so happy! Addison Fleming 60 L Amberstone Court Annapol	12:38 pm
Walters Model Railroading	May Flyer is online now! : See what's new, get great deals & more. To view this email as a web page, go here. [Walters] Proud!	11:48 am
Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing	19 Half-Yard Tutorials : Free projects from AllFreeSewing [Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing] Bags   Dresses   Home Decor   Bab	10:30 am
Roberto J. Coquis	Re: Time for last  PP : Safe travels! Roberto Coquis YRCI Federal Human Capital Program Manager email: rcoquis@yrci.com * we	7:45 am
WTOP Daily Headlines	Flashback: Remembering the Caps' first home - WTOP Morning Headlines - Thursday, April 27, 2017 : The birth of the Washington Capitals and the late Capital Centre is a storied tale of innovation and	7:14 am
Roberto J. Coquis	Re: Time for last  PP : Thank you Tim. Hope you had a good trip to Almaty and see you went to the Azalea Festival, that soun	7:06 am
Tim Beaty	Time for last  PP : I dont think I sent this to you previously. Sherri, please remember that from 5/1-5/4 we will be goi	6:27 am
Oakland Mills Community Association	Message About BB Gun Incidents : Having trouble viewing this email? oaklandmills.org April 26, 2017 A MESSAGE FROM HOWARD COUNTY POLI	Wed Apr 26
WTOP Daily Headlines	Trump proposes dramatic tax cuts - WTOP Afternoon Headlines - Wednesday, April 26, 2017 : President Donald Trump is proposing major tax cuts for individuals and businesses even as Washington	Wed Apr 26
Citi® / AAdvantage® Card	You spent \$59.82 on Apparel. Now let us look for a lower price. : Citi Price Rewind. You buy. We track. You save. View in Web Browser View Your Account [Citi - Americ	Wed Apr 26
The Washington Post	Afternoon Buzz: Breastfeeding mom causes a stir in Va. church sanctuary : Elephant tranquilizer is the latest lethal addition to the heroin epidemic; Metro workers planning ‘	Wed Apr 26
Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack Jr.	COUNTY BUDGET ACTION NEEDED : A Messge from Ginny Thomas & Bill McCormack Having trouble viewing this email? oaklandmills.org URGE	Wed Apr 26
Howard Hughes	Downtown Columbia Update : Wednesday, April 26, 2017 Downtown Columbia Update Bisnow BOOM Event Attracts 300 Attendees The Howa	Wed Apr 26
Suzanne	Re: Pictures : Hi Donna, I will send you some pictures today. Suz Sent from my AT&T Trek™ HD 4G LTE tablet On Apr 2	Wed Apr 26
Donna Campagna	Pictures : All, I would like to have a couple of WOCC pictures for Website as soon as possible . You can downlo	Wed Apr 26
jo-emily knox	Reminder! Tea at Elkridge Furnace Inn and Proposed Agenda for the WOCC Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 : Ladies: Sunday, April 30, 2017, is the last day one can sign up for the tea at Elkridge Furnace Inn	Wed Apr 26
The Washington Post	The Post Most: Sanctuary cities ruling: When a judge quotes Sean Spicer, it's not a good sign for the White House : Sanctuary cities	Wed Apr 26

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Travelzoo	This Week's Top 20 : Italy   Mexico   Peru   Norway Summer Cruise   South Africa [Travelzoo] THIS WEEK'S TOP 20 ® April 2	Wed Apr 26
Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing	18 Retiree Patterns : Free projects from AllFreeSewing [Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing] Bags   Dresses   Home Decor   Bab	Wed Apr 26
Jenifer K. Johnson	Re: July game date : Heh, heh, heh... On April 25, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Timothy Beaty wrote: It's 0600 here, Sherry can ans	Wed Apr 26
Tim Beaty	Re: YRCI Time and Attendance : I already answered this from the apartment. Class is over on Thursday - mid-day. Chris has invited a Jane : Good news Jane is out of rehab and staying with her daughter in Eldersburg. She is weak and they are	Tue Apr 25
Carolyn Uber		Tue Apr 25
Cidra Robinson	Re: Need your help! : Hi Tim, I talked to Alejandro again, he advised that in order to have you switched to HCTM from OMD	Tue Apr 25
OnStar Subscriber Services	Thank you for your recent order. : Please review your OnStar order confirmation details. View Online [Onstar] Order Confirmation Thank	Tue Apr 25
Columbia Pro Cantare	Happy anniversaries : Twenty years ago, Columbia Pro Cantare commissioned Peabody Professor Tom Benjamin to compose a chor	Tue Apr 25
Jenifer K. Johnson	July game date : Before we get too far down the road, the Johnsons have to renege on hosting Game Group on July 22. A	Tue Apr 25
The Washington Post	The Daily 202: Trump is caving on border wall funding after showing his base that he tried : GOP leadership breathes a sigh of relief. POTUS plans to claim victory anyway.   Sponsored by Morgan	Tue Apr 25
Carolyn Ryan	Re: Abby has great news!!! : She will be teaching CPR and First Aid. She is currently certified in both, but needs to get certifi	Tue Apr 25
Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing	21 Perfect Printables : Free projects from AllFreeSewing [Sewing It Up from AllFreeSewing] Bags   Dresses   Home Decor   Bab	Tue Apr 25
Episcopal Diocese of Maryland	DioMaryland eNews 4/25/2017 : View this email in your browser [Facebook] [Twitter] [Instagram] Diocese of Maryland Cathedral of th	Tue Apr 25
Cidra Robinson	Re: Need your help! : Hi Tim, Alejandro advised that he on-boarded you, which means in order for you to lose computer acce	Tue Apr 25
Ashleigh Appel	Re: Need your help! : Tim Cidra is trying to see what can be done to bring you over to HCTM under YRCI and request you acc	Tue Apr 25
Tim Beaty	Fwd: ADS 309 for presentation : Timothy R Beaty Human Resources Consultant, FSN Unit Overseas Human Capital Initiatives Division and	Tue Apr 25
Anastasia Trushina	ADS 309 for presentation : Dear Tim, Please copy this onto your portable flash drive so we can put this up on the wall for ever	Tue Apr 25
Carolyn Ryan	Re: Abby has great news!!! : It was just an announcement I am so incredibly proud of her! Sent from my iPhone On Apr 25, 2017, at	Tue Apr 25
Carolyn Ryan	Fwd: Abby has great news!!! : Sent from my iPhone Begin forwarded message: From: Carolyn Ryan Date: April 21, 2017 at 1:40:12 PM	Tue Apr 25
Groupon	Purchase Confirmed: Thank you for your purchase! : [GROUPON®] Your Groupon purchase was successful, you're almost done! Follow the instructions below t	Tue Apr 25

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Tim Beaty

Drinks Packages : Sherry's Baltimore Deals | April 25, 2017 |  
Groupons for Food & Drink, Health & Beauty, and Things t  
Need your help! : Hi, my contract with ES3 ends on Sunday - they  
have coordinated with OMD on its renewal but no word

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**From:** Gerry Witte <gwitte22@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 2:34 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Gerry Witte  
**Subject:** Support for Proposed FY18 Budget Capital Improvements

Thank you for a well conceived FY 18 Proposed Capital Budget. In particular, I am in strong support of the following:

- N3102 Blandair Park
- B3863 Bridge Columbia
- E1036 Oakland Mills Middle School Renovation
- E1043 Talbot Springs Elementary School Renovation
- T7106 Stevens Forest Road/Farewell Road mini-roundabout

Thank you.

Gerhart Witte  
Columbia Resident 20145



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**From:** Christopher Phillips <chrisgphillips1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Budget Items

I am writing to request your support for budget items that support progress in improving our Columbia community. Specifically, I ask that you vote for:

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These are all projects for which our citizenry have invested a lot of time and energy highlighting needs and helping devise solutions.

Thank you for considering this request.

Christopher Phillips  
9576 Woodblock Row  
Columbia, MD 21045  
chrisgphillips1@verizon.net

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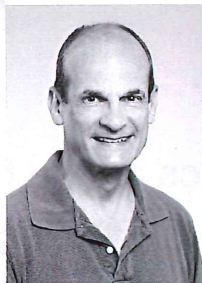
**From:** Loretta Foster <lorfoster@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Budget

Hello

Thank you for including the projects slated for Oakland Mills in the capital budget.

The community will certainly benefit due to the improvements for schools, transportation and walking routes.

Sincerely, Loretta Foster  
9413 Farewell Rd.; Columbia, MD 21045



**URGENT - ACTION REQUESTED**

**Message From**  
Oakland Mills Board Co-Chairs  
Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack

[cgthomas65@verizon.net](mailto:cgthomas65@verizon.net)

[William.R.McCormack@verizon.net](mailto:William.R.McCormack@verizon.net)

**April 26, 2017**

Over the past three years you have successfully lobbied the County for projects to help revitalize Oakland Mills. We again need your assistance.

**PLEASE** contact the Howard County Council members to ask them to support the capital budget items below that County

Executive Allan Kittleman included in his budget at our request. We thank Mr. Kittleman for adding these projects to the capital budget. We are aware that he had more requests than there was money available. He can be reached at 410-313-2011 or email at [akittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) if you want to thank him.

These projects will improve our schools, increase safety on our roads, provide more recreation opportunities for everyone, and build on our potential to take the next steps in our re-inventing Oakland Mills Village Center Area.

If the Council approves these projects on May 24, 2017 then the budget would be effective July 2017. Please help make sure this happens.

Here is the link to contact the Council members:

[councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov).

**Or you can call the office at 410-313-2001.**

Here is the link if you would like more specifics on the below projects click [HERE](#).

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**If you have any questions or would like to discuss this please email us.**

**Thanks for your prompt action.**

Sincerely,  
Bill McCormack and Ginny Thomas,  
Co-Chairs of your Oakland Mills Village Board

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**From:** Martha B McSorley <martha.mcsorley@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** watershead

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

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***The watershed has tried to help with what moneys and information they can. Any help is appreciated***

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely, The McSorley Family

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**From:** Debbie Nix <covenants@harperschoice.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 5:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support for HoCoWSA

April 26, 2017

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Here in Harper's Choice, we have referred quite a number of our residents to the HoCoWSA for help with their personal property water issues and to those interested in becoming watershed stewards. We find this organization to be a valuable resource for us when working with our residents.

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Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

*Debbie E. Nix*

Covenant Advisor

Harper's Choice Community Association

5440 Old Tucker Row

Columbia, MD 21044

410-730-0770

*"Working to Keep Harper's Choice The Best Choice"*

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**From:** Jerold Gettleman <jgettleman@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Oakland Mills , Columbia

I am in support of the projects below and urge you to support the school projects and fund the others! Thank you  
Jerry Gettleman  
jgettleman@verizon.net

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**From:** Radhika V. Wijetunge <radhika@navibo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:54 PM  
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The training I received while going through the WSA program, as well as the resources, information, and network of experts that I've encountered along the way, have helped me become a better Watershed Steward. I worked with a group of cub scouts, stenciling storm drains in their neighborhood - their enthusiasm led to their school's science teacher requesting us to do the same on the school storm drains. In the last year, this program has expanded to several public county schools and a number of scout programs. We've also included the after-school Bridges programs.

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**From:** Lucie Pettis <lucie.pettis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HoCo Watershed Stewards Academy

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**I am a case in point. I live on six acres in western Howard County, at 3450 Sharp Road in Glenwood. My basement was flooding during intense rainstorms. My creek was also flooding and blocking the entrance to my neighborhood. I needed to learn how to manage the storm water on my property. HoCoWSA taught me just what I needed to properly manage my home and land. The education I gained as a student in this year's HoCoWSA has helped both me and my neighborhood, and now I am committed to being a resource for my community. In fact, I have already volunteered twice to assess private properties at the request of Howard County homeowners who wanted help. I have also helped plan a Village event to provide storm water management education to Wilde Lake residents.**

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Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

***Lucie Geinzer***

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Haupt, Alice <AHaupt@wtplaw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:28 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Watershed Stewards Academy

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I hosted a watershed event last year, where many neighbors joined together to learn about invasive species, stormwater management and what we could do in our own neighborhood to benefit the environment. It was very informative for everyone who attended and there was a lot of support afterwards at a stream cleanup of a stream that runs through our community before making its way to the Chesapeake Bay.

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Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Alice Haupt  
4240 Hermitage Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Akbar Masood <akbarmasooddds@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:01 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** HowardCounty Watershed Stewards Academy

Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to support the HoCoWSA. They have been very helpful in the past to help me.

I purchased a house in Columbia with a wooded back yard and close to the Middle Patuxant River. There is a drainage issue with the back yard and I didn't know how to correct it.

I am not sure how the plot elevation was ever OK'd by the county. It seems the developer just mis graded the yard so there are ravines created by the flow of the water. I had contact the county but they referred me to the Watershed Stewart Academy.

They academy helped me to design a system to channel the water properly so it flows into the river.

I am a dentist, not an environmental specialist. Their expertise was helpful in my backyard design.

I would like you to support the Watershed Academy in the future to help others.

Best,

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Akbar Masood, DDS  
Fellow, Academy of General Dentistry  
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I have personally presented to nine classes at Cradlerock Elementary in Columbia about the watershed and stormwater issues. Elementary school students are very interested in these issues and are very influential in encouraging their families to follow best practices. In addition, my WSA team, with the assistance of fifth grade Bridges students at Cradlerock, will be stenciling storm drains at their school next month. We are also encouraging Columbia Association to install pet waste stations at Hopewell Park in Columbia. After surveying that park, we found pet waste near the tot lot, in the park area, and close to the stream which borders the eastern boundary of the park.

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a **new** program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Price

9254 Pigeonwing Place

Columbia, MD 21045

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**From:** Ginny Siemer <vcsiemer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Terry R. Matthews  
**Subject:** Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy

To the Honorable Howard County Council,

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**I work for Maryland Rural Water Association as a source water protection specialist. I applied for entrance to the HoCoWSA because I saw the benefits of partnerships between businesses, nonprofits and residents. As a resident of western Howard County, I know that the education and assistance that HoCoWSA provides benefits *all* county residents. We all have a part in ensuring we have clean, safe water.**

Again, I urge you to support the University of Maryland Extension's request to include as a new program the Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy (HoCoWSA) into the County's FY 2018 operating budget.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Virginia Siemer  
Maryland Rural Water Association  
Source Water Protection Specialist  
Howard County Watersheds Academy Class 2016-2017



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**From:** Scott Blackman <sblackman@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:11 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Sarah Blackman  
**Subject:** Howard County Library testimony

Dear Council members,

I sincerely apologize for being unable to stay late to testify last night at the budget meeting. After 2 hours of HoCo Education testimony, my 13 year old daughter and I had to leave. We were both looking forward to testifying in person for the first time, but it simply got too late on a school night.

We and the rest of our family live at 9437 Dunloggin Rd. 21042, and all of us including Sarah have used the fabulous library and its network of libraries since before she was in school. The library serves a critical piece in the mission of educating both adults and children in Howard County. Not only does it provide fantastic physical and electronic resources, and (most importantly) personnel to assist, but it also provides safe meeting spaces for school and community activities. Sarah would like to testify about her experiences at the HoCo public library.

This is what she typed:

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Dear Howard County Council members,

I love the library. I've always had an interest in books, and when I was only six, I insisted on getting a library card. In fifth grade, I participated in Battle of the Books. It was an amazing experience that brought me even closer to reading. Because of that experience, I now enjoy reading books in school for projects. Another program I enjoy is the summer reading program. Each year, whenever the librarians come to speak to my class about it, it's the highlight of my day and I am introduced to new and exciting books. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Sarah Blackman

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and Scott Blackman

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ralph Ballman <ralballman@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 10:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** African Art Museum  
**Subject:** Budget Testimony from webpage

Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

I would, respectfully, like to encourage the members of the Howard County Council to support the County Executive's request, in the FY 2018 Operational Budget, for \$12,000.00 to be appropriated to the African Art Museum of Maryland, as provided under Arts and Tourism on Pages 230 and 231. For thirty-six (36) years, the African Art Museum of Maryland has been dedicated to collecting, displaying and preserving for the public the art of Africa. During those years, it has sought to encourage a broader understanding and appreciation of the art and culture of Africa. It has done this in many ways, one of which is its African Experience Tours, which are given both on site and off site to school, governmental, institutional and various other groups from within Howard County and Maryland and from out of state.

It has always been the desire of the founder, Mrs. Doris Ligon, that the museum would continue on in perpetuity as an important and unique institution of art and education in Howard County and Maryland. As treasurer and a member of the board of trustees, I believe the County's continued support is one of the best ways to ensure that the African Art Museum of Maryland will continue to serve the public of Howard County and Maryland, for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Ballman  
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