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From: Shannon Franks <shannonkayfranks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 1:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Budget

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As I watch David Youngman have the nerve to lecture us all on living within our means I take great offense because the County Council gave away the farm, literally, to developers year after year. Why does the Council act like that never happened and won't discuss your major part in all this? Had the County Council properly assessed fair development fees, we could have been building in infrastructure for our schools as we needed it. Instead, you let developers get their way and stress our infrastructure well beyond its limits. Now you want to turn it around on parents of children who are in these overcrowded, underfunded schools. So very disappointed, but that is not new.

As my child is attending a school that cannot even dismiss at the end of the day without doing it in phases so kids won't start a brawl, I know first hand how underfunded our schools are.

You need to be apologizing, not lecturing. However, because the County Council gave everything to developers you are correct that we, the residents, will end up paying dearly in so many ways. Infuriating.

Regards,
Shannon Franks

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From: Tamiko Cokley <doccokley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:51 PM
To: CouncilMail

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Dear Howard County Council,

Merriweather Post Pavilion is Howard County's cultural beacon and has for more than half a century drawn performers and people from all over the world to celebrate in harmony together.

Over the past five years, the venue has undergone an extensive renovation and modernization project to ensure its sustained viability for the next fifty years, and this renovation project, which has been made possible by a combination of public and private funds, is finally nearing completion. It is time to finish what we've started.

The final phase of construction includes new concessions and a new bathroom that will be shared with Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods and the community programs at the Chrysalis. This is the kind of shared use facility envisioned by the Downtown Columbia master plan and a critical synergy between the park and the pavilion.

What's more, this final phase of construction will make Merriweather completely accessible to all guests. For too long, portions of the venue have been inaccessible to guests with mobility needs and this phase of construction fixes this long-standing challenge finally making it ADA compliant.

I appreciate Howard County Executive Ball's inclusion of funds in his proposed operating budget to support Merriweather's construction, and hope that you, as members of the County Council, approve this funding.

The Merriweather Post Pavilion renovation project has endured its share of challenges and a very public setback with the roof collapse. It is now on the finishing stretch and the time is now to bring the construction to a close. Please continue to support this funding and let's finish what we started.

Thank you,

<include your full name>

<include your full address if you live in Howard County or just say "Merriweather employee" below your name>

Sent from my iPhone

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From: heather.urner@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 6:19 PM
To: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Impact Fees

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Good Evening,

Interesting quote from Baltimore County:

"Right now, taxpayers subsidize the cost of development. This will require developers to pay for a greater share of schools. It's a big win for communities."(Councilman David Marks (R) District 5

Interesting how another County sees that having developers pay more, is for the community ,and is willing to put that effort in to actual practice as of next year.

Thank you

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From: m a nolan <margaretannolan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Vilma Anderson; Trish and Bob Hemler; Robbins, Lonnie; Evelyn, Janssen; Kuc, Gary
Subject: Safewalking = Strong Community Font Hill-Budget FY 20

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Please use this link to see the video (man in red jacket) demonstrating the serious need for a sidewalk along Frederick road from the Miller library to Centennial Lane, as well as crosswalks at Centennial and Frederick.

This project was in the Capital Budget, and hopefully will remain there. Font Hill residents sincerely hope that the discussions of fiscal austerity will not result in a slowdown or elimination of this much-needed project.