

District 14 Team

Town of Laytonsville

Senator **Zucker**, Delegates **Kaiser**, **Luedtke** and **Queen**

Tuesday, July 7th, 2020

7:30 pm

Agenda from D14 Delegation

- Local and State COVID Resources
- Recognition of Local Heroes
- A Word about George Floyd
- 2020 Legislative Update
- Election and Census
- Questions

Local Government & Non-Profits

- Montgomery County is sharing updated information regularly through the press, social media, and [MontgomeryCountyMD.gov](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).
- The County Department of Health is coordinating efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and supporting hospitals, senior facilities, and other key institutions.
- MCPS is providing online learning opportunities and nutritional support for students, and is planning for expanded summer learning opportunities.
- The County has announced new programs to support non-profits and small businesses with grants.
- Things you can do locally:
 - Support the National Capital Food Bank, Manna Foods, Maryland Food Bank
 - Support local businesses, for example by ordering takeout and delivery
 - Donate any PPE in your possession at county donation sites



State and Local Crisis Resources

- Montgomery County mental health hotline: **301-738-2255**
- Maryland Health and Human Service Helpline: **211**
- Every Mind has tremendous mental health resources online at **every-mind.org**
- Senior Check In Call Program: **866-502-0560**
- Montgomery County Abused Persons Program: **240-777-4000**

State Government

- The primary portal for all state information regarding COVID-19 is at: coronavirus.maryland.gov
- The District 14 Team continues to work to support constituents who are experiencing unacceptable delays in unemployment insurance benefits and business grants and loans, please be in touch if you need assistance.
- The state and county are both beginning to expand testing to the general public:
 - Appointment-free testing will be available at Six Flags America theme park on Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - VEIP sites offer tests on an appointment-only basis – White Oak.
 - Righttime Medical Care - <https://www.myrighttime.com/online-appointments>

Maryland Unemployment Expansion

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The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act expands unemployment insurance benefits for Marylanders.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

- Individuals who are not usually eligible for regular UI and who cannot work due to COVID-19 are eligible for a maximum of 39 weeks of benefits, which includes \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).
- Self employed, independent contractors, gig workers, limited work history, etc.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

- \$600 per week on top of current regular UI benefits.
- This \$600 is a flat amount to those on UI, including those who receive a partial UI benefit.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

- 13 additional weeks of UI benefits, plus \$600 FPUC.

Use Beacon One Stop: <https://beacon.labor.md.gov/claimant/>

Recognition of Local Heroes

Thank you to all of our:

- Hospital and health care employees
- Police, Fire and EMS personnel (we were happy to provide meals to the Laytonsville VFD)
- Essential employees:
 - Mail delivery persons
 - Grocery employees
 - Restaurant workers
 - Teachers

... and all others who are supporting the community during this difficult time.

A Word About George Floyd

- George Floyd, like far too many black Americans, was killed as a result of unacceptable, and too often, unaccountable use of force by police.
- The District 14 Team believes in strong systems of police accountability to ensure that police treat all citizens with respect. We have and will continue to advocate for stronger laws to reach that goal.
- We also believe in working with our local and state law enforcement communities to help build stronger relationships between police forces and the communities they serve, and we have worked through community events to help make that happen.
- We stand with those protesters who have exercised their first amendment rights to demand justice. It's shameful that in 21st century America, it's still a controversial statement for us as elected officials to say that Black Lives Matter.

2020 Legislative Update

- Highlights of FY 2021 Budget
- Impacts and response to COVID-19
- Bringing money back to our community
- Election law highlights and the national census

Highlights of FY 2021 Budget

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- A record **\$7+ billion** in total K-12 public education funding plus over **\$300M** for school construction.
- Higher education: **\$350 million** in community college funding and nearly **\$6.6 billion** in higher education funding; and a cap on in-state college tuition increases.
- More than **\$11.8 billion** for the state's Medicaid program.
- **\$9.5 billion** sent to local jurisdictions for aid to local governments.
- **\$160 million** to fight the COVID-19 virus.
- A **4% increase** for behavioral /mental health providers and for those serving the developmentally disabled.
- **\$1.9 billion** for public safety in our communities.
- **\$2.4 billion** spent on transportation projects across Maryland.

COVID-19 Hurts Budgets in 3 Ways

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- **Increased state spending on direct response to virus**, including: public health response, small business assistance, pay increases for essential workers and overtime.
- **Uptick in entitlement caseloads**, such as Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid.
- **Decline in state revenues.** FY 2020 revenues expected to drop by nearly **\$1 billion** less than previously estimated, a **10% drop**. Revenues will likely decline in FY 2021 as well. Casino closures through June will cost the Education Trust Fund over **\$150 million**.

COVID-19 Emergency Bills

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State Budget - Revenue Stabilization Account Transfers - Coronavirus:

Law allows the Governor to transfer up to **\$50 million** from the state's Rainy Day Fund to mobilize the necessary resources to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

State Government - State Of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency - Authority of Governor (Covid-19 Public Health Emergency Protection Act Of 2020): Law allows the Governor to take several actions to expand healthcare coverage, unemployment benefits and consumer protections throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Federal Infusion of Dollars

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Federal COVID-19 Assistance for MD	
(\$ in Millions)	
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$2,344.3
Disaster Relief Fund	\$800.0
Grants to Hospitals and Medical Providers	\$742.2
Transit Grants	\$695.0
Enhanced Medicaid Funding	\$275.0
Others (education, housing, child care, energy assistance, food, etc.)	\$708.7
TOTAL	\$5,565.2
Source: MD Department of Legislative Services	

Board of Public Works (BPW) Actions

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- Governor Hogan outlined **\$1.45 billion** in proposed budget cuts.
- At the recent July 1st BPW meeting, the Governor planned to proceed with **\$672 million** in those cuts.
- At that meeting, which also includes the Comptroller and State Treasurer, **\$413 million** was cut, the largest affecting universities and community colleges.
- The Governor initially recommended an additional **\$205 million in cuts** that Comptroller Franchot and State Treasurer Kopp rejected.
- The rejected controversial proposals would have skipped pension payments for **teachers**, furloughed **state workers** and eliminated a promised cost of living adjustment. Other protected programs included reducing subsidies for **child care**, cutting housing **rental assistance**, and limiting cash available to clean up mold in schools.

Bringing Dollars Home to District 14

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PROJECTS	CITY	AMOUNT
Hero Dogs	Brookeville	\$30,000
Patuxent State Park Black History Trail	Brookeville	\$100,000
CSAAC	Brookeville	\$974,000
Planning funds for Route 198	Burtonsville	\$1,000,000
OASIS Farm	Damascus	\$44,000
Fairland Recreational Park	Fairland	\$100,000
Olney Family Park	Olney	\$200,000
Olney Theatre Center	Olney	\$2,000,000
Sandy Spring Meadow Basketball Court	Sandy Spring	\$7,000
Sandy Spring Museum	Sandy Spring	\$34,500
TOTAL		\$4,489,500

Supporting the Town of Laytonsville

- We ensured that the **Laytonsville By-Pass** was included on Montgomery County's transportation priority list.
- In recent years, this team has secured more than **\$685,000** for projects within town limits, including: **\$449,000** for a new HVAC unit at Laytonsville Elementary School; **\$150,000** for the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department; **\$66,000** for Griffith Park - Play Ground; **\$5,000** for the Lions Club Medical Shed located outside of Town Hall; and **\$15,000** for Deloris Miller Park.
- Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Pre-Authorization: **\$100,000** for Our House located in the Greater Laytonsville Area.

Advocating for Our County

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- A record **\$802 million** in K-12 public education funding plus over **\$60 million for school construction**.
- Higher education: **\$53.3 million** in community college funding, **\$10 million** that benefits Community College Faculty and **\$3.4 million** for Libraries.
- More than **\$16 million** for public safety in our communities.
- **\$25 million +** spent on transportation projects across Montgomery County:
 - **\$8.4 million** County Highway User Funds
 - **\$6.2 million** Municipal Highway User Funds
 - **\$379K** for Elderly and Developmentally Disabled Transportation
- **Over \$901 million** in overall funding for Montgomery County.

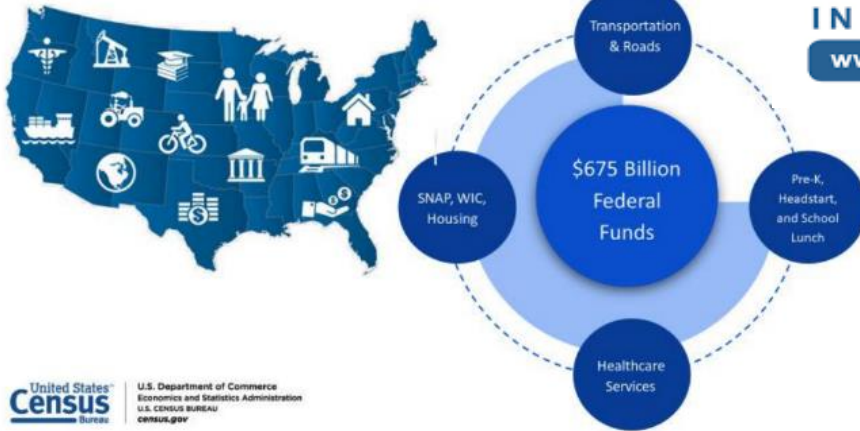
Making Elections Easier

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- Improves the absentee ballot process in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Changes the name of “no-excuse absentee ballots” to “Mail-in ballots” to ensure voters understand that they are allowed to cast a mail in vote regardless if they are able to vote on election day or not.
- Ensures mail-in ballots come with prepaid postage. This gives all Marylanders the equal opportunity to cast a ballot conveniently, for free.
- November general election, stay tuned for details.

2020 Census

Even More Uses for Census Data



EVERYONE COUNTS



IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/census

This infographic consists of four distinct sections, each with a central icon and a text label. 1. Top-left: An icon of a hand holding a pencil over a map of the United States, with the text "It's about redistricting." 2. Top-right: An icon of a stack of money and a car, with the text "It's about \$675 billion." 3. Bottom-left: An icon of an open book with the words "Vote" and "Secret" written on it, with the text "It's in the constitution." 4. Bottom-right: An icon of a hand reaching up towards a dome-shaped building, with the text "Taking part is your civic duty" and "It's about fair representation."

You may respond to the census online:

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/respond/respond-online.html>

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MD General Assembly Website:

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