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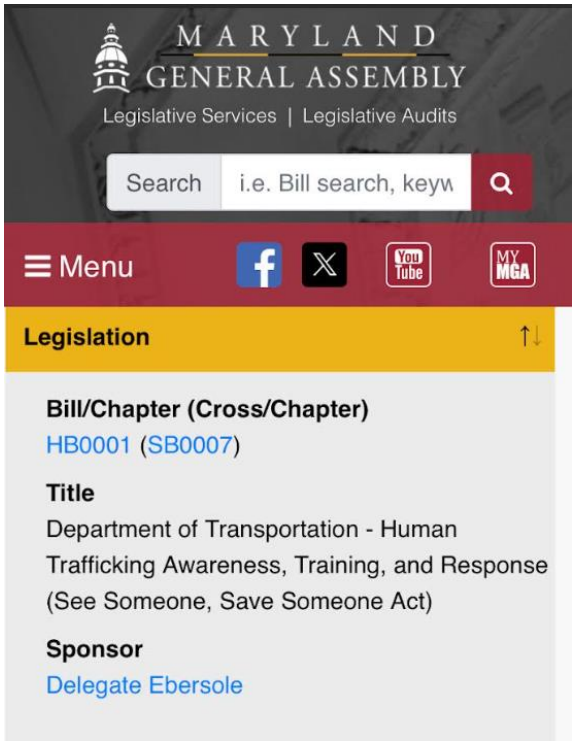
LEGISLATION UPDATE - **I have a number of pieces of legislation that I will introduce in the coming session - among them important initiatives in education. More on those later.**

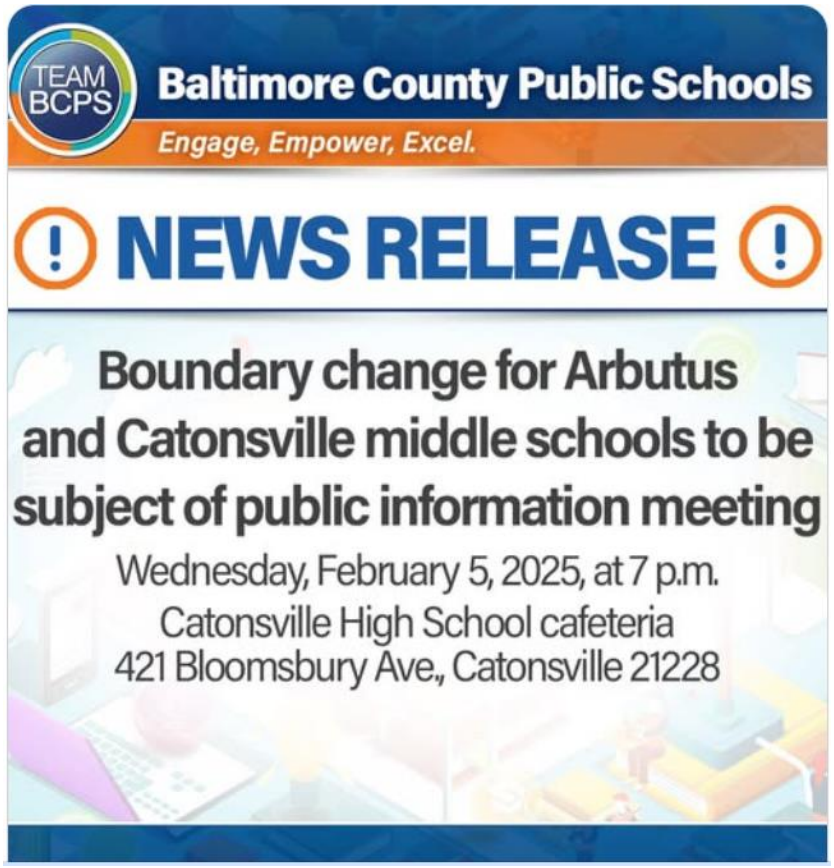


For the last three years I have been working on a piece of legislation that would require transportation employees to be trained in recognizing *human trafficking* and learning how to report it. Labeled See Someone Save Someone Act, it passed in the house last year and this year I have a good Senate cross file. But I am also proud of the fact that this year the bill is labeled as House Bill #1 (HB1) ! This bodes well and makes me proud. But most importantly I hope the passage of this bill will help to take a bite out of human trafficking here in Maryland. I hope that if transportation employees See Someone that needs help, they can Save Someone who needs help.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Baltimore County Public Schools

A boundary line change under consideration for *Arbutus and Catonsville Middle Schools* will be the subject of a public information session scheduled for February 5, 2025.
The proposed boundary change, which would be effective for the 2025-26 school year, will result in Catonsville Middle receiving all students from Hillcrest Elementary School rather than the current feeder pattern that divides Hillcrest students between both Catonsville and Arbutus middle schools. No changes will be made to any elementary school boundaries.



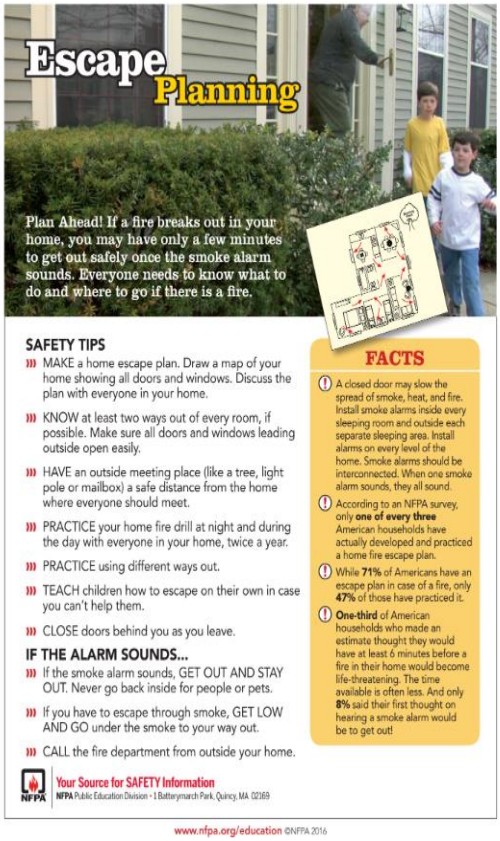
I was pleased to join a number of my colleagues for the celebration of the rebuild and renovation of the *Woodlawn Community Center.* This new and comprehensive center is the result of a $6.7 million investment. As chair of the Baltimore County Delegation and a representative in southwest Baltimore County, I was very pleased to see this community get a well-deserved facility like this. I was joined by *County Executive (now Congressman) Johnny Olszewski, Councilmen Young, Patoka, & Jones, Senator Sydnor, and Delegate Ruth.*
Come visit – 1936 Woodlawn Dr 21207 (410) 887-135

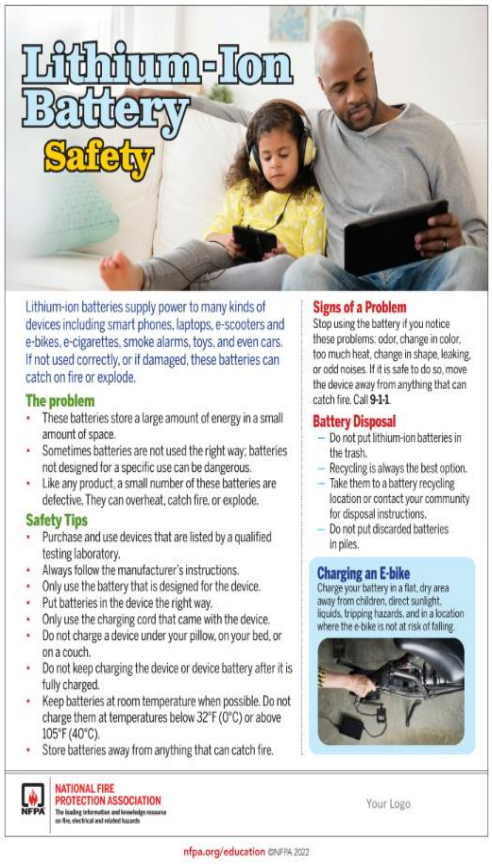
I was saddened by the recent passing of *Jimmy Carter*. I am giving up my age here, but he was the first presidential candidate I voted for, and it was a good start for me. He guided us carefully and thoughtfully through the post-Watergate era. His presidency was short – too short for me. I found him to be caring and genuine in his leadership. And I appreciated his value system.

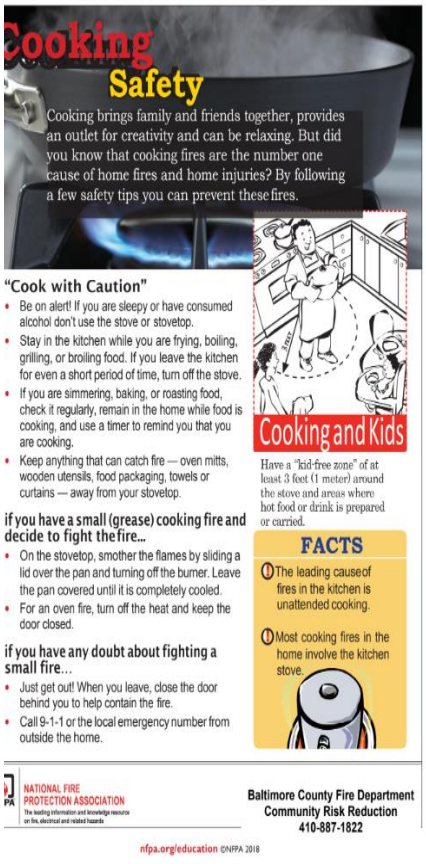
He went on to mark himself well as a humanitarian atter being in office. Among the many things he volunteered for and gave his support & sweat equity to was Habitat for Humanity. I volunteered for this organization for years and the work that was done in creating affordable housing with real personal investment for those in need was heartening. I was pleased to be working on a day when President Carter came to Baltimore to encourage us and work along with us. I did not get to meet him personally, but I have this hard hat to remind me of being part of his work.

The planet is a better place because he and Rosalynn were on it. May we all try to follow the example

There have been several destructive and even fatal fires in our community of late. With space heaters and other hazards in winter, I thought this would be an opportune time remind everyone of how to take steps to remain safe.

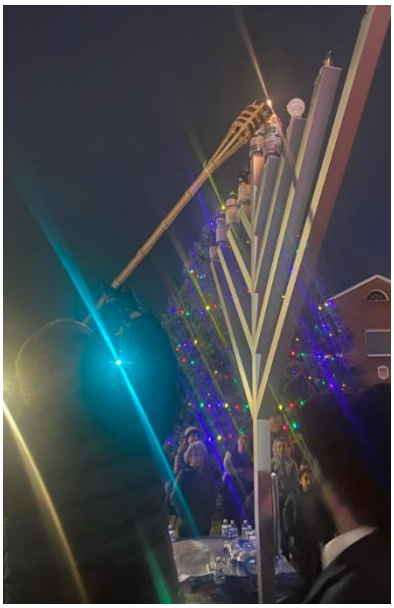






Happy New Year! Here is a link to your Baltimore County trash, recycling and bulk pick-up schedule for the year.
https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/collection-schedule

A FEW MORE PHOTOS FROM THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Special thanks to our neighbors on Smithwood Ave. for a coordinated decoration scheme that mad their street a delight to visit.

LET ME HEAR FROM YOU:

Me and my team are intensely focused on providing constituent support. If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact my office via email or phone. You will get a prompt response.

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- **Chair- Education Subcommittee - Ways and Means**
- **Member - Early Childhood Subcommittee - Ways and Means**
- **Chair – Baltimore County House Delegation**
- **Member - Joint Committee on Children, Youth & Families**
- **House of Delegates Representative - Education Commission of the States, State Interagency Coordinating Council, and Southern Regional Education Board**
- **Advisory Board - MD Center for School Safety**
- **Board Member – Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports**
- **Member – Apprenticeship 2030 Commission**