

GOOD MORNING

WHAT A LOVELY SUNNY DAY, HOPE YOU ARE ALL ENJOYING THIS DAY

JUST A FEW ITEMS TO SHARE...

FIRST, I WANTED TO BE SURE TO INVITE ALL TO ATTEND OUR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

7PM AT THE TASKERS CLUB HOUSE

WE WILL HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER DISCUSSING

THE GREEN INITIATIVE

AND HOW IT CAN HELP ALL OF US IN NAC 5

WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE POLICE TO DISCUSS ACTIVITY

AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

I ALSO WANTED TO SHARE INFORMATION FROM OUR POLICE FORCE

WE WERE TOLD THAT THE POLICE ARE GOING TO WORK ON A DATA

DRIVEN BASIS

THEY WILL BE CANVASSING AREAS ACCORDING TO THE VOLUME OF CALLS

MADE

THEREFORE, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

THAT YOU CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL

OR

ANYONE THAT YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE IN YOUR AREA

THAT INCLUDES DAY OR NIGHT ACTIVITY

BILLS BEFORE THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

Bill Title

Description

Effect

<u>Buy America</u>	Requires the state to place a strong priority on buying American products under state procurement regulations.	Jobs will be created and American manufacturing will be strengthened.
<u>Social Media Protection</u>	Prohibits public schools and universities from requiring students to give their credentials to social media accounts.	Students' privacy will be protected.
<u>Retirement Income - Tax Exemption</u>	Phases out the state income tax on retirement and investment income up to \$75,000 for seniors over 70 over X YEARS.	Our safety nets will be less burdened.
<u>Blighted Property</u>	Requires any property that is vacated for over a year and is declared to be blighted by local government to submit a plan to bring the property up to code. If the property owner would rather sell the property, they can be granted an extension of time to pursue the sale. If no action is taken, the owner will receive a significant fine.	Negligent property owners will be prevented from negatively affecting neighbors and or hindering community development.
<u>Public Safety - Balcony Inspections</u>	Requires balconies in multi-unit buildings to be inspected every ten years.	Collapsing balconies have caused rash number of accidents and deaths, all of which were fully preventable. Unnecessary deaths and injuries will be subverted.
<u>Posting of Legal Notices</u>	Permits local governments to place legal notices on the government webpage rather than in the newspaper.	Smaller governments will save thousands normally spent on posting legal notices.
<u>Gas Tax - Local Option</u>	Provides local government the option of adding a \$0.02 tax increase, revenues from which must be invested in transportation capital projects within the taxing jurisdiction.	Local governments will have the option to increase gas taxes up to \$0.02 which would be required to fund capital projects in that jurisdiction.
<u>Net Zero Energy Construction Loans</u>	Provides low-interest construction loans to builders of high efficiency homes.	The construction of high-efficiency homes will be promoted at no cost to the state.
<u>Crops to Grazing Proposal</u>	Makes available a not more than \$500K from the Chesapeake Bay Fund to support crops for grazing.	This practice stabilizes water runoff from farmland.
<u>Synthetic Marijuana</u>	Prohibits all forms of synthetic marijuana and establishes penalties for possession and use.	Public health and safety will be protected from this dangerous substance.
<u>Jane Hanson Bond Bill</u>	Requests \$35,000 for the building of a Jane Hanson memorial.	The wife of historic Frederick figure John Hanson will be duly honored.
<u>Slot Machines for Veterans Clubs and Non-Profit Charities</u>	Allows up to 5 electronic slot machines in certain private clubs.	These non-profits would experience increased revenue.
<u>Pat Hanberry - Opt-out Organ Donation Bill</u>	Changes the current organ donation system from an opt-in to opt-out.	Driver's license applicants will be asked if they would like to opt-out of organ donation rather than the current procedure of asking applicants to opt-in. Organ donation rates are expected to rise at no additional cost or infringement to individual choice.
<u>Non-Compete Clauses</u>	Waives non-competition clauses for those individuals who are released from employment due to no fault of their own.	Laid-off individuals will be able to immediately seek employment in their field of expertise / experience.
<u>Quarterly Regulation</u>	Regulation promulgated during the course of a year will all be released on specified quarterly dates.	The effective date of adopted regulations.
<u>Corkage</u>	Amending last years law that allows corkage in counties that have different classifications than those spelled out in the legislation.	Allows corkage in counties that have different then those from last years legislation.
<u>Election Law</u>	Requires that only privately owned locations selected as polling places must allow signage at the distances as already required by law.	Allows signs at privately owned polling places but still at a specified distance away.
<u>AmeriCorps Segal Awards and Tax Modification</u>	Participants in AmeriCorps are given a small grant at the end of their service for education support. This would relieve them from paying taxes on this grant.	Participants in AmeriCorps do not have to pay taxes on grants they are given for education support.

NO SOLICITING

MOST NEIGHBORHOODS IN NAC 5 HAVE POSTED NO SOLICITING CLAUSES

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SOLICITING BE SURE TO INFORM THE
PERSON/PERSONS**

YOU SHOULD ALSO CALL THE POLICE

BUT,

**WE HAVE FOUND, THAT IF YOU TAKE THEIR INFORMATION
AND CALL THE AGENCY, ASK FOR MANAGER AND EXPLAIN...**

THE SOLICITING WILL STOP

AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER TO STOMP OUT CRIME

Several Frederick County agencies are working together in a grant funded program to monitor high-profile offenders in an effort to combat and reduce crime in Frederick County. The Maryland's Safe Streets initiative (MDSS) grant is funded through the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP). The grant awarded to the Frederick Police Department provides salaries for the Safe Streets Coordinator, Crime Analyst, Community Prosecutor and enforcement overtime for county law enforcement agencies to serve warrants and conduct enforcement operations.

Maryland's Safe Streets initiative (MDSS) is an offender-based model established to institute collaboration and information sharing across all levels of government to dramatically reduce crime. The Frederick Safe Streets initiative's objectives are to focus on priority offender supervision and monitoring, Intelligence/data driven policing, violent crime reduction, and warrant services through a collaborative effort to reduce Part I crime in the City of Frederick and Frederick County.

The partner agencies include: The Frederick Police Department, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, Thurmont Police Department, Brunswick Police Department, Frederick County State's Attorney's Office, US Attorney's Office, Federal Enforcement agencies, Department of Juvenile Services, Office of Community Supervision (formerly Parole & Probation), Frederick County Animal Control, The City of Frederick Code Enforcement, Housing Authority, Frederick County Board of Education, the Community Action Agency, City of Frederick Neighborhood Advisory Council Coordinator and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

“The Partnerships established by the Safe Streets Grant continues well past the funding and specific grant activities to become everyday ways of doing business.” LT Bryan Brown, Brunswick Police Department

Along with meeting twice a month to review each offender, the agencies work together to locate offenders if a warrant is issued. The success the Frederick team has experienced with serving warrants on priority offenders is due to the solid partnerships that have been formed among local, state, and federal agencies. According to the Safe Streets Coordinator, retired Detective Rob Marker “To reduce violent crimes and make our community a safe environment needs a strong foundation built on communication and information sharing of all agencies involved.”

Another effort of these partner agencies is the Frederick’s Most Wanted program. The Frederick’s Most Wanted program is a partnership with the Frederick News Post and the Safe Streets Coalition. FMW recently marked its 250th capture.

To learn more about the Safe Streets Initiative please contact Rob Marker, Safe Streets Coordinator at 301-600-1242 or rmarker@frederickmdpolice.org

HELP US...

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

LET ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS KNOW OF OUR NEWSLETTERS

THEY CAN JOIN OUR LIST-SERVE TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED

THEY CAN EMAIL ME taskerschanceinfo@gmail.com

I NEED THEIR NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS