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| 2026-02-04 11:02:06 | Kurt | Svendsen | ARNOLD | MD | 21012 | Yes | | See attached one-page PDF sharing the latest report on a Volunteer Shovel Brigade and a request for help in getting the word out. | testimony-invitation-to-audience-2026-02-17.pdf - scroll to see attachment |
| 2026-02-17 9:33:43 | John | Nupp | PASADENA | MD | 21122 | Yes | | <p>On behalf of the people of Pasadena United Methodist Church, Pasadena Early Learning Center and concerned neighbors, I would like to request a Special Exception hearing on the development of a Cannabis Dispensary at 91 Ritchie Highway.</p> <p>This property of the proposed dispensary is less than 300 feet from the property line of our preschool building and church property. Their proposed north-facing entrance is less than 500 feet from our Preschool playground and education building egress.</p> <p>Rationale: when AACO Bill 56-30 was passed, it significantly changed the requirements for opening a dispensary in a C3 district, essentially removing all minimum distance requirements published in Maryland State House Bill 0805, and guidelines published on the Maryland Cannabis Association website. This state law states that a dispensary must meet the minimum threshold of greater than 500 feet from a licensed child-care center, pre-existing playground or place of worship.</p> <p>Our church property at 61 Ritchie Hwy was built in 1958, and currently provides space for worship, community groups including Scouting America and Narcotics Anonymous, and a Preschool that has been in operation for the past 50 years.</p> <p>Creation of a Cannabis dispensary at 91 Ritchie Highway creates several problems with respect to public safety and traffic congestion, which the state law was created to avoid.</p> | written-testimony-on-letterhead-docx-google-docs.pdf - scroll to see attachment |

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| 2026-02-17 10:36:43 | Scott | Blackketter | Millersville | MD | 21108 | Yes | | <p>I am writing to thank Council member Rodvien for submitting an amendment (CZ-R6-MRV-0700) to restore RLD zoning at 679 MD RT 3 N (Intersection of Millersville Rd and Rt. 3N)</p> <p>I urge all Council members to support this effort and in the future to help protect the rural and historic nature of Millersville Rd.</p> <p>My wife and I chose this location to settle almost 30 years ago because of its charm and rural nature. We purchased and restored an old farm and antique home which is a part of the historic fabric of Anne Arundel County. As the other historic properties in the area are replaced by gas stations and the commercial sprawl of Rt 3 overdevelopment we have watched this quality of life deteriorate yearly.</p> <p>The charm which drew us here will never be replaced once given over to commercial development. Please do what you can to slow the sad decline of the area.</p> <p>Thank you, Scott Blackketter</p> | |

County Council – Invitation to Audience – February 17, 2026
Request for Help & Latest Report on Volunteer Shovel Brigade

I'm sharing the content of an email I just sent to my County Council representative (Amanda Fiedler). I subsequently shared this with the County Executive, and now with you all – ***any help is appreciated!***

The President of my Community Association has been unsuccessful in reaching out to the broader Mago Vista community. Aside from my hanging a sign on a telephone pole at the end of our volunteer work effort (see below link), **we don't know how else to make a call for help to the surrounding communities...** **Your help in this regard would be greatly appreciated!**

As you know, I am rallying my neighborhood to address ***snow & ice removal on sidewalks and pathways that are used by AACPS students to walk to school, but which do NOT "front" private homes or businesses, and which are not cleared by the County Government.***

Here is my report as of 2/1/2026 (one week after the snow & ice storm of 1/25/2026):

1. I am personally aware of six residents of the Campus Green community who helped clear snow in areas beyond their particular property, and within our community.
 - I should note that virtually none of the sidewalks in our community have been cleared. (Only about 20% of our community even has sidewalks!)
IMPORTANT: This is NOT a "complaint"!!!
 - **Rather, the focus of our effort has been on:**
 - Helping ensure our neighbors' doorways and driveways are cleared.
 - Clearing priority sidewalks in our surrounding area as noted below.
2. An additional three residents participated in the specific mission of the Volunteer Shovel Brigade to focus beyond the confines of our immediate community. We focused on three top priorities, all of which involve the walk route for many MS students, some ES students, and a few HS students getting to and from the bus, as well as those who walk to work or the bus stop (I'm personally aware of at least three such people):
 - **Entrance of Campus Green community to driveway leading to Campus Green Drive**
 - An alternative walking route (rudimentary as it is) was cleared because the snow plowed from the street onto the sidewalk along this portion of College Parkway was impenetrable.
 - I did this alone; 2 person-hours
 - **Jones Sta. Rd: between Campus Green Drive and Ruxshire Drive (Wexford community)**
 - This was cleared over the course of four separate work sessions (1/26-2/1). A 3-person volunteer crew was mostly used; a total of 14 person-hours.
 - **Jones Station Road: between Ruxshire Drive and Mago Vista Road**
 - Other than the first 100 linear feet, this was NOT cleared ...and is **the focus of my specific request for help.**
 - Based on the time requirement noted above, this will likely require a total of 12 person hours (no difficult intersections).
 - This translates to 2 hours per person for two 3-person volunteer crews - "Many hands make light work."
 - [This link provides photo documentation of the results of our work](#)

I look forward to **your help in expanding the volunteer involvement** in this important service, which I think will also be a "community building" activity.

Sincerely,
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold, MD



Pasadena United Methodist Church

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The Rev. John W. Nupp, Pastor

February 17, 2026

Honorable County Council Officials,

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Peace and Blessings,

Rev. John W Nupp,
Pastor

**Kaley Schultze <ccschu24@aacounty.org>**

Affordable Housing

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Mon, Feb 9, 2026 at 10:44 AM

Members of the Council,

I have read about the Council's attempt to create affordable housing by encouraging 800 sf houses in lower density and small acreage properties. While affordable housing is a worthy cause, it is another attempt by the Council to solve problems without considering all the consequences. Building small home, low income segmented projects would create a marginalized neighborhood that may be stigmatized as a ghetto shanty town within neighborhoods with houses selling for market prices. There may also be a loss in real estate value because of neighborhood incongruity.

Rather than this approach, the County should utilize public land to build these cottages. For example, I am disappointed that the 500 acre Crownsville property is only being recommended for 27 moderate income units. It seems to me land could have been set aside for a "cottage village". Perhaps, County parks could spare 2 or 5 acres for land for cottages. This land could be sold or leased to developers at a low cost to build below market cottages. Also, Land cost, subdivision infrastructure and design fees and adequate facility fees are a major cost that needs to be reduced in order to make housing more affordable. Downsizing the home is only a part of this.

I hope the council will come up with a more comprehensive approach to affordable housing rather than incremental bandaids.

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