

County Council to hold meeting in Clarksburg on March 19

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The County Council will visit Clarksburg for a town hall meeting this month and residents are anticipating the chance to talk about issues confronting their community.

The meeting is planned for 8 p.m. March 19 at Little Bennett Elementary School, located at 23930 Burdette Forest Road.

More than 300 residents attended a meeting in Silver Spring in January and the council

meeting in Clarksburg will be the council's second of the year.

"They are very important," County Council President Michael J. Knapp (D-Dist. 2) of Germantown said of the meetings. "The community can always contact the council in lots of ways, but this is an opportunity for the council to come to the community to hear the issues and concerns firsthand."

No agenda has been set for the meeting and residents can introduce any topic they would

like to discuss. Knapp said he expects the meeting will focus on development, transportation and creating development districts to pay for infrastructure in the community.

The County Council approved, but has not implemented, the Clarksburg Town Center Development District. Two others, for Clarksburg Village and Arora Hills, have been postponed while the council re-examines how the taxing districts should be implemented or whether to abolish them.

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The County Council will hold a town hall meeting at 8 p.m. March 19 at Little Bennett Elementary School, located on 23930 Burdette Forest Road in Clarksburg.

Kathie Hulley, the president of the Clarksburg Civic Association, said she believes council members will try to explain their rationale for cre-

ating the development districts. She said that residents will also want to talk about overcrowding at Clarksburg schools, issues with well and septic systems, the slow progress on upgrading local roads and the need for more police in Clarksburg.

"It is interesting that people recognize there is quite a constituency upcounty," Hulley said. "It is a fair proportion of the population. It is a force to be reckoned with [and] there are a lot of votes upcounty."