

A note to thank those who make my day better . . .

I have served in various capacities over the years of my career starting as a teenager at a plant nursery and then later as a zoning inspector, a land use principal with an engineering firm, Kensington's mayor, the Maryland deputy secretary of state, a fitness center owner, the county executive's master plan ombudsman, and a dog walker (yes I had a dog walking business). However, being the director of B-CC Regional Services is above all, the job I absolutely love. This is because every day is a different day with opportunities fix problems, help people, and make life a little easier.

Many ask what Regional Services does? If you have a pothole in your street that has yet to be filled or the snow plows missed your street, let us know. If someone in your family needs mental health services, shelter, or food we can help. Having trouble getting a response from a government department, reach out to Regional Services. With a focus from Bethesda to Chevy Chase, to Garrett Park and Rockville, we are an extension of the County Government working with local, state, and federal agencies to supplement and improve services for you. B-CC Regional Services is affiliated with seventeen boards, committees, and commissions as well as overseeing two urban districts (Bethesda and Friendship Heights) and one special district (Pike District/North Bethesda). We are also fortunate to have relationships with dozens of non-profits and I thank them for their support.

With 2025 upon us I would like to recognize the partners and organizations that help us each day:

The B-CC staff of Lynn Barclay (volunteer newsletter editor), Thomas "T.J." Dant (community projects manager), and Brandan Stuckey (urban district manager) are the backbone providing outstanding civil service work. This team is dedicated!

The Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board who as volunteers, are the eyes and ears within the community. Meeting monthly, the Board touches on a variety of topics such as transportation, public safety, and communication. *If you are interested in joining the Board, please email me at peter.fosselman@montgomerycountymd.gov. *

The Bethesda Urban Partnership for keeping the Bethesda Urban District looking fantastically clean, vibrant with events, and providing superb services to the people who live and work in the district. A special shout out to the Bethesda Arts and Entertainment Board who bring the Bethesda Urban District landmark design and outstanding imaginative contributions.

The Pike District Partnership for taking the lead on the North Bethesda (a.k.a. White Flint) ten-year improvement efforts by ambitiously marketing, engaging, and growing the locality.

The Friendship Heights Alliance for successfully overseeing the county's newest urban district bringing a fresh reboot with events, marketing, business support, outreach, and cohesion.

Our public safety officers and staff work tirelessly playing a crucial role every day in the B-CC region. Thank you to our fire and rescue personnel as well as the County District 2 Police, Rockville City Police, and the Chevy Chase Village Police. Without you there would be no community.

The three Chambers – Montgomery County, Rockville, and the Greater Bethesda – who make our business and commerce such a success and contribute endless hours fueling our economic engine.

As a former mayor, I must note the effective collaboration and sincere appreciation for our thirteen municipalities – the Town of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase Village, Chevy Chase Section 3, Chevy Chase Section 5, Drummond, Friendship Heights, Garrett Park, Glen Echo, North Chevy Chase, Oakmont, Martin's Addition, Rockville, and Somerset.

My boss County Executive Marc Elrich who has effectively led the county for six years and provided unwavering support of everything we do at Regional Services.

The County Council Members, current and past, who have continued delivering strong funding and guidance to Regional Services making our jobs possible.

Lastly, thank you to all my county directors, colleagues, and staff for their cooperation and steadfast backing.

Peter Fosselman, director
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