

Town of Hancock Maryland

126 West High Street

Hancock, Maryland 21705

Office of the Mayor



Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer

Hancock, Maryland is located in the foothills of the Appalachians and is fortunate to be blessed by proximity to the Western Maryland Rail Trail , C&O Canal National Park and the Potomac River. Like many other small towns , our business district has almost disappeared and we have become increasing reliant on recreational tourism as an economic driver.

We have worked diligently to preserve our identity and pride by expanding our parks and creating the appropriate venues for sports for our children. With almost 20% of our citizens living below the poverty level and and limited property tax income we rely on funds from programs like Hotel and Motel Tax revenue sharing , Project Open Space and Federal pass through grants to provide the facilities to improve personal health and well-being of our citizens. These funds also provide well-paying jobs for our local construction and trades workers.

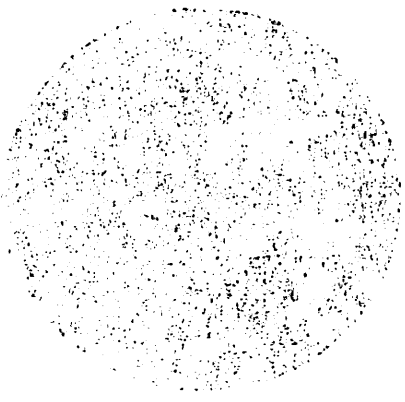
As Mayor , I am present in the community to ensure that these funds are spent wisely and appropriately. I know that there will be a significant decrease in available funds due to the current pandemic crisis. Please allow me to continue to do the job I was elected to perform, that is , to look out for the welfare of my community. I ask for your consideration by providing funds for local governments in the next COVID -19 stimulus package .

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph T. Salvagno".

Ralph T. Salvagno M.D.

Mayor



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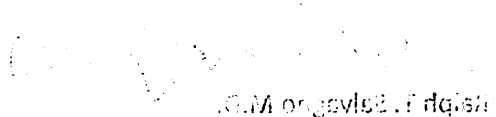
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We have worked diligently to preserve our identity and pride by expanding our parks and creating the appropriate venues for sports for our children. With almost 20% of our citizens living below the poverty level and limited property tax income we rely on funds from programs like Home and Water Tax Exemptions, Project Open Space and Local Gas through grants to provide the facilities to improve personal health and well-being of our citizens. These funds also provide work-study jobs for our local construction and other workers.

As Mayor, I am present in the community to ensure that these funds are spent wisely and appropriately. I know that there will be a significant decrease in available funds due to the current economic crisis. Please allow me to continue to do the job I was elected to perform. It is my goal to continue to provide the quality of my community. Ask for your consideration by providing funds for local government in the next COVID-19 stimulus package.

Respectfully,


Joseph J. Salvagno Mayor

cc: [unclear]