

## Board Moves \$29,000 To Restore Vandalized Charlotte Hall Park & Ride

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**CHARLOTTE HALL, Md.** — Many may recall the nighttime gathering that took place back on May 23, when at least 400 vehicles spontaneously gathered at the Charlotte Hall Park and Ride to drag race and burn tires among other things.

Last week, at their July 7 meeting, the St. Mary's County Commissioners moved to front the costs needed to repair all damages that were sustained to that expansive parking lot, with the relatively hefty price tag of \$29,000. The price will include sealing and striping the lot.

"What happened up at the Park and Ride was kinda disgraceful and unacceptable," Commissioner Eric Colvin[R] said at their meeting.

On that evening, as officers arrived in what is typically not more than a commuter bus lot, several people immediately fled the area on foot and in vehicles. The Sheriff's Office estimated that it took approximately 30-45 minutes to disperse the entire crowd, which eventually resulted in 13 citations, multiple traffic stops being conducted, and one vehicle being towed.

Additionally, amid Governor Larry Hogan's[R] social distancing regulations, the Sheriff's Office allegedly "[reviewed] film and video evidence obtained from this incident to identify operators and owners of vehicles for possible additional traffic/criminal charges."

A number of the vehicles had reportedly come down the road from Prince George's and Charles Counties. In fact, the Charles County Sheriff's Office called in the notice that the vehicles were moving into the St. Mary's jurisdiction after making stops in Charles, eventually stopping at the Charlotte Hall Park and Ride.

"Thank those friends for coming down from up the road," Commissioner Todd Morgan[R] commented somewhat sarcastically at the meeting.

The St. Mary's County Commissioners have their next meeting scheduled for July 14 at 9 am.

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