Havre de Grace Considering New Monument for Gold Star Families

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A seed has been planted for Havre de Grace to get another memorial monument.

The Havre de Grace City Council voted unanimously at its most recent meeting to have Mayor Bill Martin proceed with a search for a proper location in the city for a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. "I think this is a great thing," Martin said. The memorials pay homage to Gold Star Families, those who have had a member die in service to the United States.

Johnny Boker and Craig Reeling, two Havre de Grace residents actively involved in veterans affairs, made a presentation on the proposed memorial monument, which is part of a national movement, during the Oct. 3 council meeting.

A Havre de Grace monument would be the second in Maryland – Annapolis has the first – and one of only a few nationwide.

The City Council passed a resolution giving the mayor permission to start researching locations around Havre de Grace and report back for council approval for its location.
No timeline for either when the money might be raised or when the memorial might be erected was given.