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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:
www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm

We Want To Hear From You!

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions, please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

How Can You Participate in Howard County Government?

This is your chance to stay informed and involved! Your comments are welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email or fax. All legislative public hearings will take place in the **Board of Education, Board Room, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042**. Click the following link for the Council's calendar of meetings

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm

View the Council's Current Legislation and Stay Informed

The County Council is responsible for adopting laws within Howard County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle. To view legislation under consideration by the Council, please click on the following link http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm

Revitalization of Downtown Columbia!

Council Bill 58-2009

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB58-2009.pdf>

will be introduced into legislation on **Monday, November 2, 2009**. This piece of legislation is an act adopting the Downtown Columbia Plan, a General Plan Amendment for the purpose of revitalizing and redeveloping Downtown.

Council Bill 59-2009 (ZRA – 113)

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB59-2009.pdf>

will be introduced into legislation on **Monday, November 2, 2009**. This piece of legislation is an act amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to create a new Downtown Columbia revitalization process in the New Town District. The public hearing is scheduled for **Monday, November 16, 2009**.

On October 14, 2009, the Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) submitted its Final Economic Impact Analysis of the proposed Downtown Columbia Plan to the County Council. This information is available for review on the HCEDA website

http://www.hceda.org/uploads/pdfs/ColumbiaDowntownFINAL_101409.pdf. In addition, General Growth Properties (GGP) submitted its General Plan Amendment for Downtown Columbia to the County Council. This information is available for review at the County Council's website at

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Downtown%20Columbia%20Plan\(GPA\).pdf](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Downtown%20Columbia%20Plan(GPA).pdf). The Columbia Association (CA) also presented its vision for Symphony Woods to the County Council. The CA's proposed plan for Symphony Woods is available for review on the CA website

<http://www.columbiaassociation.com/SymphonyWoods/index.cfm>. An accompanying video presentation is also available on the CA website, which offers more information on its vision for Symphony Woods.

I appreciate any comments, concerns, questions and/or feedback that you may have. To submit written testimony, send an email to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov

Please check the Howard County Council Agenda website for updated calendar information at:

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_CouncilAgenda.htm

Happy Halloween!!!

Howard County Police Department will be patrolling this Halloween weekend to help ensure a safe and fun holiday for residents and to make sure children stay safe. They will also be on alert for vandalism, theft and destruction of property. Be safe and have fun!

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission position are invited to view the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm

Pardon Our Dust!

You may have seen or may see some road work in your neighborhood. Howard County Department of Public Works will be conducting the following construction projects. Additional information is provided below describing the details of such projects.

Concrete Repairs:

Robert Oliver Place

Willis McGahee Foundation and Greene Turtle provide Thanksgiving Meals for the less fortunate in our area!!!

On **Tuesday, November 3, 2009**, please join us for lunch or dinner and 10% of your check will automatically be donated to the Willis McGahee Foundation. Check the Greene Turtle's website at <http://www.greenturtle.com> for participating locations and additional ways to support this Foundation!

Share the Warmth – Winter Coat Drive!

October 10, 2009 through November 20, 2009

The Winter Coat drive is sponsored by the Oakland Mills Village Board who has partnered with OM Food Lion and OM public schools. Clean or gently worn winter coats/jackets for both adults and children can be dropped off at any participating location: The Other Barn, OM Food Lion, and Stevens Forest, Talbott Springs, and Thunder Hill Elementary Schools.

For more information, please contact **Dorita Forehand**, OM Community Organizer at **410-730-4610**.

Howard County Farmer's Market!

The Farmer's Market is located in the Oakland Mills Village Center Parking Lot. WIC and Senior FMNP Checks are proudly accepted. The Farmer's Market operates Sundays only from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and runs through **November 22, 2009**.

For additional information, contact **Linda Brown** at 410-489-4460.

Going Green!!

FREE Paper bags used for Yard waste are now available at The Other Barn. **Limit:** 2 Bags per Household.

“Did you know? Howard County encourages residents to use reusable containers or paper bags for yard waste rather than plastic. Why? Paper bags will biodegrade with the yard trimmings and improve the quality of the finished compost. The bags are easy to fill and more resistant to punctures and tears.” FREE paper bags are available from The Other Barn, Oakland Mills Community Association; the Recycling Division at 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr., Suite 514; or the Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville. Quantities are limited. Visit www.howardcountyrecycles.org or call (410) 313-6444 for more information.

Watershed Tip of the Month:

Conserve water every day. Take shorter showers, fix leaks and turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Also, keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool. For more about CA's Watershed Management Plan, visit ColumbiaWatershed.org.

Get Crafty with OMHS Craft Fair!!

Come out and join us for the 21st Annual OMHS PTSA Craft Fair being held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Get an early start on your Holiday shopping by visiting almost 80 vendors that are displaying their unique crafts, gifts and jewelry. Stay for lunch at Scorps Café or enjoy the treats available at our Bake Sale!

All proceeds from the Craft Show are used to fund PTSA activities held throughout the school year, including After-Prom and teacher support.

Volunteers are still needed to help make this a successful day for everyone! For more information on the Fair or volunteering, please contact **Meg Feroli** at mferoli@msn.com or Janet Yarn at janet_yarn@hcpss.org.

FREE Martial Arts Demonstration!

Kidskorner Social is being held **Friday, November 6, 2009** at The Other Barn from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Kickin it with Martial Arts will feature a **FREE** martial arts-filled fitness demonstration. Registration is **FREE** and required by **Monday, November 2, 2009**. There will be food, martial arts, prizes and more!

For more information or to register, please call 410-715-3102 or email CAmonthly@ColumbiaAssociation.com

Make Your Voice Heard by serving on the Resident Architecture Committee (RAC)!!!

The Oakland Mills Architectural Committee is looking for residents to serve on the Resident Architecture Committee (RAC). Residents interested in the position would be required to attend 2 evening meetings per month and visit residents' properties before attending the review meetings.

For additional information, please call 410-730-4610 or email omcacov@columbiavillages.org.

Deer Management Program Information for 2009-2010!

The Howard County Deer Management schedule for the fall/winter season is now available. The deer management program is an effort to help maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population in our parks where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity.

This year's managed hunts will include a combination of bow and shotgun hunting. Hunting hours are from **dawn until 12 noon**, and each park will be closed for all other uses during this time. For more information on the deer management program, log on to

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAP_DeerManagement.htm.

Or you may call the **Department of Recreation & Parks at 410-313-1675**.

Alpha Ridge Park:

Bow & Shotgun
November 4; December 9

Blandair Park:

Bow Hunting
November 10; December 8

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!

The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community's power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors. For more information please contact the Howard County Police Department at **410-313-2200**.

Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Residents 62 and Older!

The Howard County Office on Aging, through Maryland Access Point (MAP), is offering Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Maryland residents age 62 and older who are considering this as an option. The counseling is targeted to seniors who may be able to pay for their everyday expenses but are struggling to cover the costs of health care, home repairs and modifications, increased property taxes and other unexpected expenses.

To schedule a counseling session or learn more about the costs and features of a reverse mortgage, call MAP of **Howard County's toll free number: 1-800-506-5806**.

For additional news and events, please visit the Howard County Calendar of Events at http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_CalendarofEvents.htm.

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"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." George Bernard Shaw