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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 the laws of the 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

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

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

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

Fiscal Year – 2010! – How You Can Participate in the Howard County Budget Process!

It's budget season! The County Council would like to hear from you on the proposed FY 2010 budget. Your participation is encouraged and valued. You may testify in person at the scheduled budget public hearings or submit written testimony to the Council during the FY2010 budget process.

Below you will find the budget calendar for FY2010:

****Unless otherwise noted, public hearings and legislative sessions will be held at the Board of Education. Work sessions will be held in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room at 8930 Stanford Blvd. Columbia****

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing – Capital & Operating Budgets

Board of Education

Libraries

Community College

Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Constant Yield Hearing

Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Session –

Introduce budget related legislation

Tuesday, May 5, 9:00 a.m.

Work Session - Operating Budget

Legislative and Judicial

Public Safety (Police, Fire)

Public Facilities

Friday, May 8, 9:00 a.m.

Work Session- Capital and Operating Budgets
Board of Education

Friday, May 8, 1:00 p.m.

Work Session – Capital and Operating Budgets
Libraries

Friday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.

Work Session – Capital and Operating Budgets
Community College

Monday, May 11, 3:00 p.m.

Work Session
Community Services, Funds/Revenues

Tuesday, May 12, 9:00 a.m.

Work Session –Operating Budget
General Government

Tuesday, May 12, 12:00 p.m.

*(C. Vernon Gray Conference Room)
Public Hearing – General

Friday, May 15, 9:00 a.m.

Work Session (if needed)
Pending Issues

Monday, May 18, 4:30 p.m.

Work Session (if needed)
Education

Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Public Hearing
Including budget related legislation

Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.

Legislative Session
Adopt Budget

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.

Milling:

Montgomery Road (Route 1 to Old Washington Road)
Montgomery Road (Route 1 to Lawyers Hill Apartments)
Montgomery Road (Green Valley Place to Route 1)

Paving:

Montgomery Road (Route 1 to Old Washington Road)
Montgomery Road (I-95 bridge to Route 1)

Snowden River Parkway Bridge Repair

The bridge on Snowden River Parkway near Robert Fulton Drive in Columbia is scheduled for bridge deck and joint repair on or about **May 3rd**. Weather permitting; the project is expected to be completed by **late May 2009**.

Repair will take place during the hours of **9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.**, traffic may be shifted from one lane to another in accordance with the construction. Signs indicating lane openings and closures will be posted to direct motorists.

For questions or concerns about **Capital Project B-3853**, contact **Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service**, at **410-313-3440**, or by e-mail to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov .

Planning Board Hearing Schedule for ZRA 113!

The normal Planning Board alternate Thursdays schedule has been modified to address the Downtown General Plan Amendment – ZRA 113, as well as other cases. For detailed meeting information, please refer to the Planning Board Agenda. **The Board's role is advisory to the County Council (Rules of Procedure—Section 1.108).**

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM

Public Work Session

Work Session - ZRA 113 - Downtown Columbia - General Plan Amendment

Tyson 2 Room

County Offices, 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia

Thursday, May 28, 7:00 PM

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Tyson 2 Room

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Comments or testimony may be mailed or e-mailed to planningboard@howardcountymd.gov up to the day prior to the scheduled public meeting.

Special needs requests should be submitted 3 working days prior to the meeting. For more information, contact **Bob Lalush at (410) 313-2350**

Drop Off Your Scrap Tires For Free! – May 2nd!

The Howard County Department of Public Works is offering County residents a chance to dispose of up to 10 tires at the Alpha Ridge Landfill **FOR FREE**. Residents may drop off their unwanted tires on **May 2nd from 8am to 4pm**.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill is located at 2350 Marriottsville Road in Marriottsville.

Residents must show a driver's license as proof of Howard County residency to entry into the landfill.

For more information log on to www.howardcountyrecycles.org

Or you may contact the Howard County Bureau of Environmental Services, Office of Recycling at **(410) 313-6444**.

Columbia BikeAbout is Saturday, May 2nd!

The Columbia Association's (CA) ninth annual BikeAbout event will be held **Saturday, May 2, at Symphony Woods in Town Center**. The official **opening is at 9 a.m.**; but bicyclists may begin the bike ride anytime between **9 and 10 a.m.** This free event highlights the history of Columbia and its beautiful open space with a 12-mile, well-marked route allowing bicyclists of all ages and abilities to enjoy a self-paced ride.

This year's route will take riders through Town Center, Hickory Ridge, Harper's Choice and Wilde Lake. Highlights of the tour include: a look at the past, present and future of Symphony Woods; Athol, the home of Reverend James Macgill who was the first rector of Christ Church, and the marker that designated his land grant; public art; CA's cherry trees planted as part of the Blossoms of Hope campaign and the wildlife that visits Wilde Lake as captured in the photographs of Michael Oberman.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available at www.ColumbiaArchives.org CA fitness facilities; CA headquarters, located at 10221 Wincopin Circle in Town Center; and Columbia Archives, located at 10221 Wincopin Circle in Town Center.

For more information, please contact **Barbara Kellner** at Columbia.Archives@ColumbiaAssociation.com or **410-715-3103**.

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County Offers New Volunteer Training Courses

On behalf of the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, please consider adding the following trainings to your schedule to further enhance our community's resilience.

The Volunteer Center, at the request of Howard County's Department of Citizen Services, will assist with the registration and referral of these spontaneous volunteers to requesting registered agencies. Community volunteers are being trained to help with this process. Might you be interested? If you are willing to assist with the coordination of human

resources, call **410-715-3179** or email pam@volunteerhoward.org to register or to obtain more information.

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CERT – Citizen Emergency Readiness Training

James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center
2200 Scott Wheeler Drive - Marriottsville

For registration or more information go to:

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/FAR/far_cert.htm or contact Rich Philips at rphilps@howardcountymd.gov or call **443-472-8212**

Saturday, May 2- mirror of Sessions 4 & 5 (8-11am and 12:30-3:30 pm)

Call **410-715-3179** or email pam@volunteerhoward.org to register or to obtain more information.

For additional information on volunteer opportunities or to view a copy of the Volunteer Center's Guide to Giving visit www.volunteerhoward.org

Wellness After Retirement and Beyond! – May 9th!

The Howard County Office on Aging presents, **Re-designing Aging: Seeking Mind, Body & Attitude Fitness**. This jam-packed day of information for anyone wanting to remain fit, active, challenged and engaged after retirement and beyond will be held on **Saturday, May 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** A wrap-up session summarizes the day and Howard County Office on Aging resource information will be available. **\$12 pre-registration by May 6 includes a box lunch.**

To register or for more information please contact, **Elaine Widom**, **410-313-7283** ewidom@howardcountymd.gov or **Karen Hull**, **410-313-7466** khull@howardcountymd.gov

Howard County Police Youth Academy!! – Application Deadline, May 15th!

The Howard County Police Department is holding a free one-week overnight youth program at the James N. Robey Police and Fire Training Facility in Marriotsville, Maryland. The program is designed to help young people explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills and character education.

For eligibility requirements, log on to www.HCPD.org

Application packets can be picked up at any Howard County public high school by contacting the school resource officer or online at www.HCPD.org. Turn in completed applications to your school resource officer by May 15th.

New Holiday and Inclement Trash Collection Schedule for Trash and Recycling!

The Department of Public Works is announcing a new “slide” collections schedule for trash, recycling, and yard waste collection. The new schedule will begin on Memorial Day May 25th, 2009. Curbside collection will be affected by major holidays. All items must still be out by 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

To view the new holiday collection schedule log on to http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPW/holiday_schedule_inclement_weather.htm

A Message from the Howard County Health Department - Protect Yourself from Lyme Disease!

The Howard County Health Department would like to remind citizens that Tick Season runs from May to July. It is important that safety precautions are taken to reduce your risk of Lyme Disease.

To learn more about the symptoms of Lyme Disease and how to protect yourself please click the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Health/HealthMain/Health_News.htm

Do you have a great idea for a TV program?

Howard County Government is accepting grant applications from Howard County residents who wish to produce their own Public Access Television programming. This is not a paid position. Grants help to defray production costs. The deadline for completed applications is **April 30, 2009**. For a grant application, please call the **Office of the Cable Administrator at 410-313-3318**.

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**.

Interested in Volunteering for NeighborRide?

If you are interested in volunteering with NeighborRide, the next orientation training dates are: **Tuesday, May 5th at 8:00AM and Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00PM**.

Those interested in volunteering may contact Neighbor Ride at information@neighborride.org or **(410) 884-RIDE** for information about registering as passengers and scheduling their no-cost rides. More information can also be found online at www.neighborride.org.

Blandair Regional Park News!

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposed 2008 Blandair Master Plan. The consultant will now move towards the design phase of this project. The Master Plan is scheduled for submittal to the Department of Planning and Zoning in July 2009. To view the full project schedule please click the following link

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

Thank you to the Blandair Advisory Committee for all of their hard work and dedication, especially those members who represented the residents and communities in council district 2.

To view the proposed plan click the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAPDocs/2008_Blandair_Master_Plan.pdf

You are encouraged to participate in the planning process of Blandair. To submit comments, questions or concerns via email you may contact

rdelerme@howardcountymd.gov . Written comments may be submitted to **Gary J. Arthur, Director, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia MD 21046.**

Dr. Calvin Ball

Council Member, District 2

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2_Bio.htm

410-313-2001

"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