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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 Banneker Room of the George Howard Building. 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

County Council Launches a New Sign Up System!

Citizens may now sign in on-line to testify at County Council public hearings. Once the public hearing agenda is posted, citizens may use the convenient on-line form provided on the County Council website to sign in. You may continue to sign-in in-person inside the Banneker Room beginning one-half hour before the hearing.

Click on the following link to view the new the sign up system and its instructions and procedures:

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_GiveTestimonySignup.asp

Report an Illegal Sign

You can help us by reporting Illegal Signs with a new online form. The form is available at the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DILP/Permits/Permits_signs_Illegal.asp .

Please be sure to describe the location of the illegal sign in the free-form textual area at the bottom of the form.

For further information on the County's sign code, the sign permit application process, sign sizes, fees and for other answers to frequently asked questions, visit the Department of Inspections,

Licenses & Permits page on the County's website
http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DILP/DILP_HomePage.htm or call
DILP at 410-313-1830.

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.

Asphalt Curb:

Cemetery Lane

Concrete Repair:

Besthold Garth

Five Fingers Way

Glenmar Road at Jumping Field Court

Hayshed Lane

High Tor Hill

Patriot Lane

Phelps Luck Drive

Raccoon Court

Tides Ebb Court

Wind Dance Way

Winter Pasture Way

Paving

Alexander Bell Drive

Eli Whitney Drive

Fire Station 9, Tamar Drive

Hayshed Lane

Road Repair

Eli Whitney Drive

Snowden River Parkway Lane Extension to Begin

A County construction project at the **8200 block of southbound** Snowden River Parkway and Maryland Route 108 in Ellicott City, at the left turn into the restaurant and service park, is scheduled to begin on or about Monday, March 31. The project will extend the median left turn lane into the service area. Weather permitting the project should be completed in late May 2008.

The existing left lane will be closed during work hours, **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Flagging operations will be in place to direct traffic as needed, and signs will be posted to advise motorists of the construction.

For questions or concerns about **Capital Project J-4211**, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at **410-313-3440** or by e-mail to **publicworks@howardcountymd.gov**
Dobbin Road Lane Addition to Begin

A County construction project is currently under way at the intersection of Dobbin Road and McGaw Road in Columbia. The project will include construction of a right turn lane from northbound McGaw Road onto eastbound Dobbin Road. Weather permitting the project should be completed by June 2008.

The existing right lane on northbound Dobbin Road will be closed during work hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flagging operations will be in place to direct traffic as needed, and signs will be posted to advise motorists of the construction.

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Take Part in the Vision of Blandair Regional Park!

Blandair Regional Park is a proposed County park facility to be centrally located on a 300-acre parcel of land in Columbia. The project intends to preserve over 200 acres of forest, wetlands, meadows, and a historic farm complex, while providing active and passive recreation experiences.

In March 2008, the County Executive appointed a new citizen Advisory Committee to assist with the project. The Committee is composed of citizens whose varied backgrounds and interests will provide valuable input into the development of the design. The members also represent the interests of the surrounding communities, as well as including a student representative.

Committee Members from District 2

Robert N. Cummings - Department of Housing and Community Development, Long Reach resident

Alexander Sandy Curtis – Urban Planning, Construction – Glenmont Homeowners Assoc.

Frank Eastham - Principal, Oakland Mills High School

Roger M. Gabin – Computer scientist/systems engineer – Scout leader - Long Reach resident

Cathy Latham - Oakland Mills Village Board

Joshua Manley - Student Representative, Howard High School

Bridget R. Mugane – Attorney – Former president of Long Reach Village Board – President of Howard County Citizen’s Association

Sylvia Ramsey – State Department of Transportation – resident of Long Reach

Sarah Uphouse - Long Reach Village Manager

If you would like to submit comments you may send your written comments directed to:

Gary J. Arthur
Director
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia MD 21046.

You are also welcome to contact the Department's Capital Project and Park Planning Division at **410-313-4685** for more information or to provide comments. Please visit this website for future updates including dates for upcoming meetings.

Click here for more information on Blandair
http://www.co.ho.md.us/rap/rap_BlandairRegPark.htm

Check Out Career Academies Summer Camps at HCPSS!

The HCPSS Career and Technology Education Office (CTE) is offering many exciting weeklong opportunities for middle and high school students. The Career Academies Summer Camps will be held from **June 16-20, 2008 for middle school students and June 23-27, 2008 for high school students** at the Applications and Research Laboratory on Route 108 in Ellicott City.

The Career Academies Summer Camps are geared toward students who are interested in learning more about careers in science, technology, engineering, culinary science and business. Students will have an opportunity to participate in activities to help them understand how these career areas relate to their own interests.

Students will explore career areas offered through the Career Academies high school program, including Biotechnology and Health Services, Multimedia Arts, Automotive Technology, Architecture, Construction Technology, Engineering, Business and Entrepreneurship, and Culinary Sciences. Howard County Public School System teachers will staff the camp.

Enrollment is limited on a first come, first served basis. Students will receive a camp T-shirt and a Certificate of Participation. There is a registration fee of \$75.00 for each camp and students must provide their own transportation. The **registration deadline is May 15, 2008.**

For more information contact **Sally Long**, Career and Technology Education Office, **410-313-6629.**

Columbia's 41st Birthday Celebration – June 21st!

The Columbia 41st Birthday Celebration will be held at Lake Kittamaquondi from **1 to 5 p.m.** This year's event will include the cake cutting ceremony, a teen fashion show, children's activities and performances by The Suzuki Music School Touring Ensemble and The Jokers. A children's game arena will feature face painting, games, a balloonist and a strolling birthday cake.

The schedule of events for the birthday celebration is as follows.

Schedule of Events

1 - 2:15 p.m.	Teen Fashion Show
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Cake Cutting
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	The Suzuki Music School Touring Ensemble
3:45 - 5 p.m.	The Jokers

Oakland Mills Farmers' Market - Now Open!

Adopt-a-Sign: The Village of Oakland Mills is looking for some Thunder Hill residents to adopt-a-farmers market sign. The sign is yours to keep all season. Just put it out (on a TH street) sometime Friday and pick it up after 1 on Sunday. Simple as that. Help promote the market, one of Oakland Mills treasures! Contact Sandy Cederbaum to offer your assistance.

In season: fresh cut flowers, vegetable plants, lettuce, asparagus, spinach, strawberries, onions and more!

Always fresh: baked breads, muffins, pastries and more!

The Oakland Mills Farmer's Market is open Sundays at the Oakland Mills Village Center Lot from 9 a.m. – 1p.m.

Freestyle Teen Drop-In Center this Summer!

The Howard County Dept. of Recreation and Parks is sponsoring a Freestyle Teen Drop-In Center this Summer from July 7th – August 7th at Howard, Mt. Hebron, & River Hill High Schools. The drop-in center will be open Monday – Thursday 6 – 9 p.m. For more information you may call 410-313-4704 or go to www.howardcountymd.gov/rap

Assistance for Seniors to Get Out and About! - CA's Senior Shuttle for Cultural Events

The Columbia Association's Senior Advisory Committee sponsors a FREE curb-to-curb evening and weekend transportation shuttle to cultural events throughout Howard County for groups of 4 or more seniors ages 60 and over. For complete details call CA at **410-715-3087**

Neighbor Ride is Need of Volunteers!

There is an immediate need for volunteers at Neighbor Ride, a volunteer-based supplemental transportation program for Howard County seniors ages 60 and over. Daytime, evening and weekend drivers are needed. Ride Coordinators to accept and assign rides are needed **Monday through Friday for 3-4 hours**. The next driver orientations are scheduled at the Neighbor Ride office, 8808 Centre Park Dr., Columbia, MD 21045. Please call **410-884-7433** or contact volunteer@neighborride.org