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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

Spotlight on District 2 Community Members!

The following honorees were recognized for their notable achievements and received an honorary resolution from the Howard County Council:

Jack Nolan, a 5th grader at Deep Run Elementary School won the Howard County Spelling Bee on March 13th. Jack defeated students in grades four through eight, from 37 elementary schools, 16 middle schools, seven private schools, and the Columbia Home School Community. Jack won a \$1,000 scholarship and a copy of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

Karen Gray, an Oakland Mills resident was selected by the Oakland Mills Board of Directors as the 2009 Oakland Mills Volunteers of Year. Ms. Gray served as the Chair of the Oakland Mills Village Board and various committees. Ms. Gray was very instrumental in the creation of the Master Plan for the Oakland Mills Village Center and spearheaded many of the community's revitalization and community development plans.

FY2010 – Budget Wrap-up!

The FY 2009 budget process has come to a conclusion. This bulletin contains highlights of a few projects in and around District 2.

Columbia

E0994 - ROOFING PROGRAM

Reroofing for various schools including old roof removal, new flashing and drains, and new roofing material. The roof system is the largest single area of the building that must endure the most severe weather conditions. The roof protects the structural integrity of the building as well as equipment. Because of building age and environmental conditions, scheduled roof replacements must be completed to protect

the investment that has been made in many facilities. The following schools will receive re-roofing maintenance during the Summer of 2009. Atholton HS - Phase II of II, Glenelg HS - Phase I of II **Oakland Mills MS, Mayfield Woods MS.**

J4222 - SNOWDEN RIVER PARKWAY WIDENING EAST BOUND

A project to design and construct a widening of Snowden River Parkway by adding a third lane and sidewalks on the eastbound roadway from Broken Land Parkway to Oakland Mills Rd. Project design and land acquisition will take place during FY2010. Construction will begin during FY2011 and is expected to be completed by FY2012.

J4235 - SNOWDEN RIVER PARKWAY WEST BOUND

A project to design and construct a widening of Snowden River Parkway by adding a third lane and sidewalks on the westbound roadway from **Oakland Mills Road to Brokenland Parkway**. Design and land acquisition for this project will begin in FY2013. Construction of this project is expected to be completed in FY2016.

J4224 - GATEWAY at ROBERT FULTON INTERSECTION IMP

A project to design and reconstruct the intersection of Gateway Drive and Robert Fulton Drive to improve the capacity. Project design, land acquisition, and construction will begin in FY2010. This project is expected to be completed by FY2012.

J4234 - SNOWDEN RIVER PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS

A project to add a third lane to Snowden River Parkway, in each direction, from **Oakland Mills Road to MD108**. This is a distance of approximately 3 miles. A design study will determine the best way to develop the improvements and future programming. Project study and design will begin in FY2010.

J4237 - MD175/OAKLAND MILLS ROAD INTERCHANGE

A project to design and construct a new MD175/Oakland Mills Road interchange and the re-alignment of Oakland Mills Road through the proposed Blandair Park. This project will provide access to the proposed Blandair Park as shown on the approved master plan for the

park. Design and land acquisition of this project will begin in FY2010. Construction is expected to begin in FY2012 and last through FY2015.

N3102 - BLANDAIR REGIONAL PARK

A project to master plan, design, and construct a 298 acre regional park, and restore the 19th century Blandair Mansion and out buildings located off MD175 in Columbia. Project identified in the 2005 Land Preservation, Recreation and Parks Plan and is endorsed by the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, and the Blandair Planning Committee. During FY2010 restoration of the mansion and outbuildings will continue as well as the design and the construction of Phase I of the South Area. Project design for Phase II is expected to begin in FY2010 as well. For a detailed schedule of the construction of Blandair Park, log on to

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DOA/DOApdfs/CapitalBudget_04_01_09ProposedWEB.pdf

N3109 - PARKS RESURFACING PROGRAM

A project to fund roadway, pathway, parking lot, playground and game court resurfacing, replacement and additions within the County's park system. Improvements may include speed humps, chokers or other traffic calming devices as needed. During FY2010, a project for the **Oakland Mills to Tamar** pathway renovation is scheduled for construction and will continue through FY2011.

Elkridge

B3856 – Old Montgomery Rd Bridge

A project for the design and construction of a replacement structure and approach for the Old Montgomery Road Bridge over Deep Run. The existing bridge is 22 feet long with 24 feet of pavement in 40-50 feet of existing right-of-way. Old Montgomery Road is classified as a major collector in the 2000 General Plan. Steel beams are deteriorated with section loss along four beams. The bridge is currently at its operating limit. It is expected that continued deterioration will require posting in the near future. A new structure will be wider to meet current AASHTO and County standards. Construction will begin during FY2010 and is scheduled to be completed by FY2011.

C0285 – US 1 Corridor Revitalization

A project to plan, design and implement a series of streetscape, pedestrian, bicycle, and public green space improvements on public property. The purpose is to invest public funds in community enhancement projects that will spur revitalization by the private sector, promote economic development, improve public safety and enhance the quality of life in existing older neighborhoods. County funding will be used to leverage additional Federal and State grant funds. FY10 - FY15 - Design and Implementation will be continued.

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J4136 - MARSHALEE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

This project is to fund the County's share of the design and construction of Marshalee Drive to a minor arterial standard from relocated Montgomery Road (near MD103) to Montgomery Road (near Marshalee Woods) including the intersection with existing Montgomery Road. The developers of Marshalee Woods and Centre 9500 are required by the subdivision regulations to build Marshalee Drive to minor collector standards. The County must pay for the increase in roadway width and depth to meet the classification requirements for a minor arterial. This project will be completed in FY2010

J4147 - MONTEVIDEO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A project for the design and construction of various modifications to correct sight distance safety problems at the intersection of Montevideo Road and US1 by lowering the crest vertical curve on Montevideo Road. This project is scheduled to be completed during FY2010.

J4195 - MONTGOMERY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A project to improve Montgomery Road between Marshalee Drive and US1. Widening of the road to construct a central turning lane allows for improved capacity and safety. The improvements are based on the Montgomery Road evaluation study of 2000. Improvements will be designed during FY2011 thru FY2013. Construction and completion of this project will take place in FY2015.

J4236 - OLD MONTGOMERY at BRIGHTFIELD IMPROV

A project to implement improvements to the intersection of Old Montgomery Road and Brightfield Road. A development proposed for a property to the west, requests from the community to correct the temporary nature of the present paving, and the recommendation of the Traffic Division led to this proposed project. Under J4136 a study is being conducted to determine the best type of improvement. Design will begin in FY2011. Construction is expected to begin in FY2013 and completed in FY2014.

K5055 - PORT CAPITAL SIDEWALKS

A project for the construction of sidewalk along Port Capital Drive from US1 to New Colony Boulevard. The homeowners at New Colony Village have requested that lighting and sidewalks be installed along Port Capital Drive so pedestrians may safely access US1. Design and construction of this project will begin in FY2010 and is scheduled to be completed by FY2011.

L0015 - ELKRIDGE BRANCH LIBRARY

A project to provide additional required public library service space in the Route 1 Corridor of Elkridge. This project will satisfy the existing and projected 20,300-SF space deficit in the Elkridge area. The space and other functional requirements of this project are fully defined in the Library Facilities Assessment/Master Plan of December 2004 as approved by the Howard County Library Board of Trustees. This project will be designed during FY2011. Construction will begin in FY2012 and is expected to be completed in FY2013.

W8249 - MEADOWRIDGE RD MAIN REHABILITATION

A project for the replacement of approximately 9,000 LF of 16-inch water main in Meadowridge Road between US1 and MD100. The water system has experienced numerous breaks along Meadowridge

Road which have necessitated replacement of several sections of water main. The water main breaks have been attributed to corrosive soils. This project will determine the extent of the problems and rehabilitate or replace defective portions of the water line within Meadowridge Road. This project is scheduled for construction and completion during FY2010.

W8292 - DORSEY RUN ROAD PHASE B WATER MAIN

A project for the design and construction of 5,500 LF of 12-inch water main and relocation of 1,500 LF of sewer within proposed Dorsey Run Road from existing Dorsey Run Road to Montevideo Road.

The project was initiated by the Department of Public Works in conjunction with the extension of Dorsey Run Road. The project will enable the installation and relocation of the utilities prior to the construction of the road. During FY2010 land acquisition, design and construction will begin. This project is expected to be completed by FY2013.

Ellicott City

F5967 - ELLICOTT CITY/COLUMBIA FIRESTATION

A new project to acquire a 3-acre site in the vicinity of Meadow Ridge Road and MD100, and construct a 26,000 sf fire station. This project was recommended in the Fire and Rescue Facilities Study, which was completed in FY04. This project is required to provide a new, strategically located, fire station to provide improved fire rescue services in this area. This project is currently being planned on County-owned land on northwest corner of MD 100/MD103. Access easement is needed to site. Alternative locations in this vicinity may be considered if another land site becomes available. This project will be designed during FY2010. Construction is scheduled to begin in FY2011 and completed in FY2012.

N3105 - MEADOWBROOK PARK

A project to master plan, design, and develop a 77-acre park located southeast of MD100/US29. Facilities have been determined by the master plan and citizen input. Prior year available funds will address equipment for the indoor facility, a storage building for sports equipment, sun shelters at the playground and a traffic counter. Construction of the indoor facility will continue during FY2010. In

FY2011, security equipment will be installed and landscaping will be completed.

Jessup

D1155 - LINCOLN DRIVE at CEDAR VIL PARK DRAINAGE

A project to eliminate the freezing of runoff on Lincoln Drive and Cedar Avenue. There is an inadequate drainage system to carry the runoff from the park side of the road to the outfall side of the road. The Bureau of Highways requested this project to reduce annual maintenance costs. FY10 - Design, Land Acquisition, and Construction will begin in FY2010. This project is scheduled to be completed by FY2011.

F5973 - TEMPORARY FIRESTATION/LOGISTICS FACILITY

Construction of a 20,000 sq ft facility to house the Department's Quartermaster, Breathing Apparatus Repair Shop, Equipment Repair Shop, Reserve Emergency Apparatus, Equipment Storage. This facility will be constructed to initially serve as the area Fire Station until the Rt.1/175 Fire Station can be constructed, at which time it will be converted totally to Logistic functions. Design and construction of this facility is scheduled for FY2010. The Fire Station component construction will be completed by FY2011. The construction and completion of a warehousing addition will be completed by FY2012. The facility will be totally converted to a Logistics support facility in FY2013.

F5975 - ROUTE ONE FIRE STATION

A project to construct a new 7300sf fire station close to the intersections of Rt. 1 & 175. Possibility of getting part of State owned land in the area. This new Fire station required to improve response times to a critically deficient geographic area of the County. Land Acquisition for this project will take place during FY2010. Construction and completion is scheduled for FY2012.

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J4148 - DORSEY RUN ROAD EXTENSION

This project is for the extension of Dorsey Run Road from MD103 to MD175, a total of approximately 3.2 miles. Construction of the roadway will enable industrial properties to have access and develop their individual frontages in a coordinated manner. This project will be coordinated with J4110 (Dorsey Run Road South Link), J4182 (Dorsey Run Road Improvements) and J-4206 (Montevideo Road Improvements). Construction will be phased. This projected will be carried out in phases and is scheduled for completion in FY2012.

J 4182 - DORSEY RUN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

This project is to study, design and reconstruct Dorsey Run Road to four lanes from MD175 south to the CSX railroad spur crossing; a distance of 6,000 LF. During FY2010 design and land acquisition of this project will begin. Construction will take place in FY2011.

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.

Dobbin Road/Dobbin Center Way Intersection

Wednesday, June 17th beginning at 9AM traffic pattern changes will be completed at the Dobbin Rd / Dobbin Center Way intersection. The **center lane** of the **southbound Dobbin Rd** approach will be changed from a **'left turn only lane'** to a **'shared thru / left turn' lane**. This means, **two lanes (instead of one)** will allow motorists to drive southbound on Dobbin Rd.

Curb and Gutter Replacement - Kilimanjaro Road and side streets

On-street parking along Kilimanjaro and its side streets is prohibited between the hours of **7 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Curb and gutter replacement should be completed in three weeks, weather permitting. Milling and paving will follow. Residents with concerns may contact **John Shindlecker at 443-797-3715 or Ed Riddle at 410-868-8340.**

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 .

ZRA 102 is Now Council Bill 29-2009

ZRA 102 was introduced as **Council Bill 29-2009 on June 1st, 2009**. As you may know, ZRA 102 was filed as a Zoning Regulation Amendment on August 29, 2008 with the Department of Planning and Zoning. Once reviewed, the Department of Planning and Zoning forwarded a Technical Staff Report to the Planning Board for its recommendation on October 1st, 2008. Once completed, this recommendation was sent to the County Council and filed as Council Bill 29-2009.

A public hearing for this bill, as well as all legislation filed for the month of June, will be held **on Monday, June 15th at 7:30pm in the Board of Education Board Room at 10310 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD.**

Arrangements will be made by the Council if additional dates and times are needed for public testimony.

If you would like to testify, you may access the Council's electronic sign-up system by clicking "*Testify*" on the Council's webpage at http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_HomePage.htm. Citizens may begin signing up on **June 2nd**.

To review Council Bill 29 click here

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB29-2009.pdf>

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, June 11, 7:00 PM

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

Ellicott 2 Room

County Offices, 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 PM

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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**

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 began on Memorial Day May 25th, 2009. All items must still be out by 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

For example, under this new system, if your regular collection day falls on **Monday, May 25** (Memorial Day), trash, recycling and yard waste will be collected on **Tuesday, May 26**. Those scheduled for **Tuesday** will “slide” to **Wednesday**.

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

Healthy Howard Day – June 7th!

Healthy Howard day will take place on **June 7th at Centennial Park in Ellicott City from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** This event will include a healthy kids zone, free health screenings, a worksite wellness area and healthy restaurant row with free samples from participating Healthy Howard Restaurants. There will also be opportunities to participate in various physical activities, including Zumba, cardio kickboxing, and yoga!

For more information contact the Health Department at **410-313-6300**.

Columbia Celebrates its 42nd Birthday! – June 25th!

The Columbia Association invites you to come celebrate Columbia’s 42nd birthday on **Thursday, June 25th from 6 to 7:30p.m. at Historic Oakland in Town Center**. Come meet and greet CA’s new President, Phillip Nelson. Enjoy live music, food, entertainment and the annual cake-cutting ceremony

Historic Oakland in Town Center: **5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD 21044**. For more information please call, **410-715-3000**.

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

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.**

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

