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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

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.

Concrete Repair:

Diamondback Drive
Five Fingers Way
Indian Camp Road
Kilimanjaro Road
Lightening View Road
Log Chain Road
Mellenbrook Road
Oakland Mills
Patriot Lane
Red Haven Road
Raccoon Court
Seawind Court
Sewells Orchard Drive
Thunder Hill Road
Tides Ebb Court
Wind Dance Way
Winter Pasture Way

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

Oakland Mills to Celebrate its 40th Birthday June 27th – June 29th!

Friday, June 27, 8:00 p.m. Free Movie, “The Graduate”

Turn back the clock to 1968 and join us in the newly renovated Loft to view this classic flick.

Free movie provided courtesy of John & Angela Toner, Provident Real Estate. Free popcorn provided courtesy of APLFCU

Saturday, June 28, Noon – 3:00 p.m., OM Fest in the Courtyard

(Event will be held in the Loft if the weather is inclement)

Free fun, food and fantastic music for the whole family! Musical entertainment by the group PetRock and The Fab Five Sixties/Seventies and Beatles music!

All current and former Board/CCR members are invited to “cut the birthday cake” at **1:15 p.m.!** You won’t want to miss this event! Hot Dogs/Snack provided courtesy of The Columbia Bank. Entertainment, cake and kids “stuff” provided by Cedar Shopping Centers, Inc.

Saturday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. - Oakland Mills Family Disco Night

Bring the family and join us! Dance to the tunes of the 70’s with a D.J. and Disco Karaoke! Dance contest and 70’s fashion contest judged by OM School Principals! Delicious Retro Snacks, Retro 70’s style candy at our free candy bar, beer & wine for sale.

Activities and videos for kids when they get tired in a separate space – overseen by local Girl Scouts and their leader. Feel free to bring sleeping bags for kids.

Oakland Mills historical Slide/Music Presentation provided courtesy of James Ferry Photography, Veronica and James Ferry.

TO BUY TICKETS – get them early while supply lasts:
In advance <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/35208> or
at The Other Barn.
\$5 Adult/\$2.50/Kids/Under 5 free
At the door: \$8/Adults/\$4/Kids/Under 5 free.

Sunday, June 29, 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Farmer's Market w/Street Musicians.
Same great market kicked up a notch w/Music!

Sunday, June 29, 5 – 7 p.m. 2008 “Jazz in the Mills” Music Series

Come and enjoy sweet sounds of jazz classics in our beautifully renovated Loft at The Other Barn.

Lavenia Nesmith, vocalist; Chris Grasso, piano; Paul Carr, Sax;
Lenny Robinson, drums; and James King, Bass.

Tickets on sale at The Other Barn or online at
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/34749>

Tickets for individual shows are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Howard County Asks for the Public's Help to Prevent Sewage System Overflows!

Howard is asking for the public's help in reducing or preventing sewage system overflows caused by the improper disposal of household fats, oils and grease (FOG). FOG are byproducts of cooking and can be found in foods and food ingredients we use every day like cooking oil, butter, shortening, margarine, meats, sauces and dairy products.

At a press conference today, the County announced it had launched a new page on its website under the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities where residents can get answers to frequently asked questions and learn how household fats, oils and grease should be disposed of. The site also has information about a new recycling service offered at the Alpha Ridge Landfill where residents can drop off used liquid vegetable-based cooking oil.

Howard County's Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities is the lead agency that responds to sewage overflows. The Bureau works closely with the Howard County Health Department to keep the public informed of any and all health risks as a result of those spills. In 2007, the Bureau responded to 16 sewage overflows, six of which were caused by FOG.

County Reminds Parking Violators Fees to Increase on July 1!

Howard County Government officials would like to remind residents that **starting July 1**, there will be an increase in all parking fines as mandated by Council Resolution 55-2008. These fines are established in accordance with Section 21.202 of the Howard County Code, which authorizes the County Council to adopt a schedule of fines for those who violate the county's parking laws.

As before, those who misuse parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities will receive the stiffest penalty. In an effort to discourage that misuse, those fines will increase from **\$150 to \$350**. Over the next month, county employees will affix new stickers to display the \$350 fine on existing signs located in the parking lots of government buildings, schools, libraries and other public facilities. However, the new fine will not be imposed on violators until a new sticker is adhered to a sign. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of July.

The private sector is responsible for changing handicapped access signs on their properties. Stickers reflecting the increase are available to property owners, free of charge, at the Northern District Police

Headquarters in Ellicott City and the Southern District Police Department in Scaggsville.

Stickers may also be obtained from, or for more information contact, the Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division at **410-313-2430**.

Gang Awareness Presentation to the Community **August 2nd**

Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m. – noon at The Other Barn
representatives from the Howard County Police Department will give a presentation to the Oakland Mills Community.

Please rsvp so that we can make sure we have enough seating and handouts.

RSVP to: omca@columbiavillages.org

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

Second Sunday FREE Swim at Columbia Association Pools!

CA residents who are not members of the pools or Package Plan will be offered the opportunity to visit any of CA's 23 outdoor pools on the second Sunday of each month during the summer at no charge. The dates are **Sunday, July 13 and Sunday August 10**.

Residents must have a CA Resident Card to participate. Resident cards may be obtained at no cost from CA Headquarters. You must

bring address verification in the form of a driver's license or imprinted personal check and dependant children's birth certificates is required to obtain free CA Resident cards. For more information call **410-730-1801**.

CarFit Program July 11th!

To help older drivers stay safe behind the wheel, the Office on Aging, in conjunction with the Howard County Police Department and the Commission on Aging, are pleased to offer the CarFit program at the **Glenwood Senior Center on July 11th from 8 AM to 2 PM.**

CarFit provides a quick but comprehensive check of how well you and your vehicle work together. A trained professional will ask some simple questions and complete a 12 point checklist with you and your vehicle. The entire process takes about 15 minutes, and you will leave with recommendations for car adjustments and adaptations, a list of resources in your area and greater peace of mind.

To register for a free CarFit evaluation, call **410-313-2207**. For more information please contact **Pfc. Holly Burnham, 410-313-6089**.

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