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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](mailto: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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm)

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### **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](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm)

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### **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](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm)

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### **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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm)

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### **The Columbia Association Launched a New Community Calendar**

CA in conjunction with the Villages of Columbia, announce the launch of a new website, [www.ColumbiaCalendar.org](http://www.ColumbiaCalendar.org) This new website has been created to be a resource for the residents of Columbia to find out what is going on in their

community. At this time the website is paced with events sponsored by the Columbia Association and the Villages.

The Oakland Mills calendar can be found at  
[http://oaklandmills.columbiavillages.org/OMCA\\_Events\\_Programs.htm](http://oaklandmills.columbiavillages.org/OMCA_Events_Programs.htm)

The Long Reach calendar can be found at  
[http://www.columbiacalendar.org:8080/View.html?calendar\\_id=8](http://www.columbiacalendar.org:8080/View.html?calendar_id=8)

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## **Homeowners Tax Credit and Renters Tax Credit Applications- Now Available!**

The 2007 Homeowners Tax Credit and Renters Tax Credit applications are available at:

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html>

There is no charge to apply and nothing to lose by doing so.

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## **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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm)

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## **Who's Digging in Your Community?**

Many of our constituents have brought to our attention issues concerning utility contractors digging in their community. Many of these contractors are sub-contractors of major utility companies. To determine the name of the contractor and the utility company they are representing, please go to [www.missutility.net](http://www.missutility.net). This website is very informative and frequently updated with up-to-the-minute information on each and every project involving excavation around utilities.

For additional information, please call Miss Utility at **(410) 712-0056**

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## **School Crossing Guards Needed**

With the start of the new school year, the Howard County Police Department is looking for School Crossing Guards to help our children safely cross intersections near schools in Howard County. Our Crossing Guards are reliable and responsible

adults who interact well with children and are committed to their safety. We want YOU because we currently have openings at your child's school.

Interested? Please click the following link for additional information.

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Police/Docs/schoolcrossingguards.pdf>

Or you may contact **Ms. Carol Bess**, School Crossing Guard Supervisor, at **410-313-4754**.

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## **BRAC- Get Involved!**

The Howard County BRAC Task Force has now moved to into phase II of its work. Phase II will focus on the impact of overall Fort Meade growth on 6 specific areas in Howard County. They are: Work Force Development, Transportation, Education, Infrastructure, Work Force Housing and Health and Human Services. Residents and business persons of Howard County are invited to participate in the work of the Task Force during this phase. If you are interested, please contact the Executive Director of the HC BRAC Office at [kmenser@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kmenser@howardcountymd.gov)

The next Howard County BRAC Task Force Meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 28, 2007** from **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**. This meeting will be held in **the Tyson Room of the George Howard Building**. These meetings will start with a 15 minute update, given by Executive Director Kent Menser, on BRAC actions related to Howard County. The remainder of the time will be devoted to discussion of ideas, concerns and recommendations raised by the attendees. For any questions on meetings, call Kent Menser at 410-313-6521.

For more information on BRAC please visit

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/HCG\\_ExecutiveBRAC.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/HCG_ExecutiveBRAC.htm)

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## **Howard County 2007 Flu Clinic Schedule**

The Howard County Health Department is continuing to make flu vaccine available to the public by **holding 9 flu clinics in Howard County from mid October thru mid December**.

Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (or, the flu shot) is available at a cost of \$25 (Medicare Part B is accepted).

Live, intranasal Influenza Vaccine (FluMist®) has just been approved for children 2years and up. It is available at a **cost of \$25**, for healthy persons **ages 2-49 years**.

Pneumococcal vaccine will also be offered to persons 65 and older, or those younger with certain medical condition. The cost is \$30 (Medicare Part B is accepted).

Cash or check (made out to Director of Finance Howard County) is accepted.

Please make note of special clinics:

**Sunday, November 4, 2007** – Drive Thru Clinic – Injectable vaccine only

The Howard County Health Department 2007 Flu Clinic Schedule and Clinic directions:

For a Clinic Schedule click here

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/docs/FluVaccineSchedule.pdf>

For Clinic Directions click here

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/docs/FluClinicDirection2007.pdf>

Hotline flu number: **410-313-6503**

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## Howard County “Community Readiness Week”!

October 29 to November 4 is “Community Readiness Week” in Howard County. Events will be held throughout the week to emphasize the importance of both individual and family disaster preparedness.

**Thursday, November 1, 7 – 8 pm,**  
**“Emergency Preparedness: Communication is Key”**

A workshop designed to give participants information on how to develop a family emergency communications plan, how to create an emergency document binder and establish a neighborhood network of support before an emergency or disaster strikes. A sample toolkit will be provided at this free event sponsored by CERN and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program/ Historic Oakland, **5430 Vantage Point Road**, Columbia Call **410-715-0311**

**Saturday, November 3, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**  
**James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center Open House**

The new training center will be open to the public. In conjunction with the open house, the public will be able to observe annual field training exercises for the local Civil Air Patrol unit, the Howard Composite Squadron. The County’s new Emergency Services Command Unit will be on site and there

will be demonstrations of the Police Department's Helicopter Operations and K-9 Search Team. **2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville**

**Sunday, November 4, 10 am – 2 pm**  
**Drive-thru Flu Clinic**

For the second year in a row, the Howard County Health Department will test the county's ability for mass immunization should the need arise. Health professionals will administer flu vaccines to the public during this test drill. For more information, call the Flu Hotline, **410-313-6503**.  
Columbia Gateway Drive Loop, Columbia

**Emergency Services Command Unit Tours the County**

Residents will have an opportunity to view the newest addition to the County's fleet. The unit will provide first responders with on-the-scene advanced technology to help them safely and effectively manage large-scale county events or emergency incidents. The unit will visit areas of the county throughout the week as follow

**Tuesday, October 30:**

**Miller Library, 10 am – 12 pm**

9421 Frederick Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Central Library, 2 pm – 4 pm**

10375 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044

**Wednesday, October 31:**

**Elkridge Library, 10 am - 12 pm**

6540 Washington Boulevard  
Elkridge, MD 21075

**Thursday, November 1:**

**Savage Library, 10 am – 12 pm**

9525 Durness Lane  
Laurel, MD 20723

**River Hill Village Center, 2– 4 pm**

Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029

**Friday, November 2:**

**East Columbia Library, 10 – 12 pm**

6600 Cradlerock Way

Columbia, MD 21045

**Glenwood Library, 2-4 pm**

2350 State Route 97

Cooksville, MD 21723

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## **HC DrugFree Programs – Oct. to Dec. 2007**

All programs are **FREE** and run from **7 – 8:30 p.m.** (unless noted.)

### **Teen Stress and Depression**

**Thursday, November 8, Atholton High School**

This HC DrugFree program will address the factors that can lead to stress, depression and/or substance abuse in teens. **Dr. David Gold**, a counselor in private practice, will distinguish between what stress and depression looks like in teens and how it presents in adults.

Participants will learn how to identify depression, and learn about the relationship between stress and peer pressure, divorce, blended families, etc. Parents will learn how to communicate with their teen about stress, and what steps to take if they suspect their teen is depressed. There will be plenty of time for parents and teens to ask questions and share experiences. Dr. Gold is a therapist with Crossroads Psychological Associates.

### **Straight Talk on Drugs: Pre-teens and parents talk about alcohol and other drugs**

This interactive program for middle school students and their parents will be offered 4 times. The program runs from **7 – 8:30 p.m.** with a pre-program **FREE** dinner at **6:30 p.m.** The Savage Library program will offer **FREE** refreshments at **2:00 p.m.**, with the program from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **RSVP required.**

**Thursday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.**, Miller Branch Library, RSVP: 410-313-1950

**Monday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.**, Elkridge Branch Library, RSVP: 410-313-5077

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2:00 p.m.**, Savage Branch Library, RSVP: 410-880-5980

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## **Managed Deer Hunts at Blandair Park!**

November 7, 14, & 28, December 5 & 19, January 9, and March 18.  
For more information call 410-313-4700

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## **Sign Up For the “Greenovation”: The Current (Solid) State of LED Lighting**

This class will discuss current LED technologies (the good, the bad, and the expensive) and applications for residential and commercial uses.

What is LED lighting?

Light Emitting Diode (LED) is a semiconductor device which converts electricity into light.

### **What will I learn?**

- What is the potential impact of implementing LED lighting solutions for residential and commercial applications?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of LED lighting?
- Which LED solutions are “not ready for prime time”?
- Where can I introduce cost effective LED lighting solutions?
- How does LED lighting integrate into a solar photovoltaic system?
- Can I get a federal tax credit for updating to energy efficient lighting?
- How about other emerging technologies - Cold cathode compact fluorescent, ceramic metal halide, etc?

## **Who should attend?**

- Architects
- Builders
- Contractors
- Facility Managers
- General Interest
- Homeowners

**Date: Thursday, November 1, 2007**

Time: 6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Check-In  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road) (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. Registration, check-in, and EnviroCenter Tour will begin at 6:45p.m.-7:00p.m. The seminar modules will begin at 7:00p.m. and continue to 9:00 p.m.

For more information and registration please visit  
[www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org) or you may call the institute at  
443-733-1234.

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## **Job/Career Fair at Howard Community College!**

**Friday, Nov. 2, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Students, Alumni & Community Members are welcome! Come in business attire and bring copies of your resume. 80 participating companies, view updated listing of participating employees at:  
[www.howardcc.edu/career](http://www.howardcc.edu/career) For more information call: 410-772-4840

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## **Spirit of Columbia Scholarship**

The Columbia Association is accepting applications for the Spirit of Columbia Scholarship. Ups to six \$2500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available

at local high schools, Columbia's community centers and the Columbia Association headquarters or available for download at [www.columbiaassociation.org](http://www.columbiaassociation.org) in the Teens and Tots section. Applicants must submit the completed application by **March 1**. For more information, please call **410.715-3175**.

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## **Howard County Arts Council Arts Scholarship!**

Are you planning to pursue a higher education in the Arts? The Howard County Arts Council's 2008 Arts Scholarship Application is now available!

Applications are available from the Arts Council or on our website at [www.hocoarts.org](http://www.hocoarts.org). Applicants must be legal residents of Howard County. Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by **January 11, 2008**. Contact the Howard County Arts Council at **410.313.2787** or email [info@hocoarts.org](mailto:info@hocoarts.org) for more information.

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## **Environmental Course Offered for Low- to Moderate-Income Residents- December 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Going environmentally friendly doesn't have to mean spending hundreds on solar panels and a green roof.

The Green Building Institute in Jessup is reaching out to low- and moderate-income Howard residents for a free course on how to save with environmentally friendly practices.

"This class is providing ways they can be part of the discussion," said Hannah Wood, executive director of the institute, an educational nonprofit.

The class, scheduled for December, is free for eligible residents, in part because of a \$3,000 grant from the Columbia Foundation. Classes usually cost \$15 to \$75.

"They're teaching ways in which everyone can be involved, no matter your income level or socioeconomic status," said Candace Dodson Reed, Columbia Foundation's associate director.

It's the "little steps," Wood said, that can help residents save money. Compact florescent light bulbs, for example, may cost several extra dollars in the beginning but can save money in energy costs, she said.

There is space for 40 residents to take the class, and the group wants people to sign up this summer so it can plan the course.

### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

To take the free Go Green, Save Green course, participants must:

- Live in Howard County
- Make \$25,000 or less for an individual or \$50,000 or less for families

To sign up, call **443-733-1234** or visit [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org).

### **IF YOU GO**

What: Go Green, Save Green course

**When: 8:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 1**

Where: Green Building Institute at the EnviroCenter, 7761 Waterloo Road, Jessup

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## **NEIGHBOR RIDE- Looking for Spanish and Korean Speaking Volunteers!**

Neighbor Ride, a volunteer-based supplemental transportation program, helps residents age 60 and over maintain a good quality of life by providing friendly and reliable door-to-door transportation for medical appointments, religious services, educational pursuits, recreational and social events, exercise classes, and other day-to-day activities.

\* Neighbor Ride is looking for Spanish and Korean speaking volunteers to become drivers who can converse with bi-lingual riders.

For more information and to register for a volunteer orientation, contact Rosemary Noble at 410-884-RIDE,

[volunteer@neighborride.org](mailto:volunteer@neighborride.org) or visit their website at  
<http://www.neighborride.org/>

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## **US Route 1 State Highway Meeting Materials Now Available**

Following up on the June 18 and June 20 public meetings, the PowerPoint presentation and maps displayed at the meetings are now posted on Howard County's Web site at  
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DPZ/us1shastrategy.htm>

Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) consultants, Kittelson and Associates, in partnership with Howard County held public informational meetings on SHA's Route 1 Corridor Improvement Strategy. The strategy's focus is transportation improvements to support Howard County's vision for revitalization of the Route 1 corridor.

We hope these materials will help you in understanding the issues and recommendations presented by SHA's consultants so far.

If you have questions you may contact **Dace Blaumanis** at **410-313-4324** or by email [dblaumanis@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dblaumanis@howardcountymd.gov)