

September 30, 2009

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

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 Repairs:

Robert Oliver Place

Howard County Men's Health Fair!!!

Saturday, October 24, 2009

10 am – 2 pm

Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Rd, Ellicott City

This year will mark the **first annual Howard County Men's Health Fair** hosted by Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Howard County Council Member Calvin Ball, and the Howard County Health Department. **From 10 am to 2pm at Howard High School**, participants will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of ongoing health topics related to men and the importance of a healthy lifestyle and its lifelong advantages.

This year's event will feature **FREE** confidential health screenings provided by the Howard County Health Department and Howard County General Hospital. As well exercise demonstrations, healthy food samples, healthy cooking ideas, door prizes and much more!

So please join us on October 24th for this new and exciting event! For more information you may contact **Melania Pender** at **410-313-2001** or by email at mpender@howardcountymd.gov

Make Your Voice Heard on HCPSS Attendance Area Adjustments!

There will be two regional meetings for the public to provide input on the preliminary plans for 2010 attendance area adjustments:

Regional Meeting I
Tuesday, September 29
Hammond High School
7:30 p.m.

Regional Meeting II
Wednesday, September 30
Centennial High School
7:30 p.m.

The Superintendent will present his recommendation to the Board of Education on **October 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** The Board will then hold public work sessions **at 7:30 p.m. on November 5, November 12 and November 17, 2009.**

Community members will also have an opportunity to provide comments on the recommended plan at a public hearing scheduled for **November 10 at 7 p.m.** Written comments from the public will also be accepted.

The Board will approve the school attendance area adjustments for the 2010-2011 school year on **November 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

All meetings will be held in the **Board Room at the Department of Education** which is located at **10920 Route 108 in Ellicott City.** For more information you may contact **Jennifer Bubenko at 410-313-1554** or jennifer_bubenko@hcpss.org

Howard County Community Readiness Week! – See What’s in Store!!

Howard County Community Readiness Week will be held **October 4 – 10**. Events will be held throughout week highlighting the importance of emergency and disaster preparedness. For a schedule of this year’s events Log on to http://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/News_20090917b.htm

On **October 4th** Howard County will kick off Community Readiness Week with a **Free Drive-Thru Seasonal Flu Clinic**. Get your **FREE** seasonal flu shot or Flu Mist while sitting in your vehicle!

Vaccines will be given from **10am to 2pm in the Columbia Gateway Drive Loop in Columbia**. You may enter the loop from **MD Route 175**. For more information call the **Flu Hotline at 410-313-6503** or visit www.hchealth.org

CA Board of Directors to Address Pre-Budget Public Input - October 7th!

Public input gathered at the September 7th Columbia Association Pre-Budget Input Session will be discussed at CA Board of Directors work session on **October 7th, 7:30pm** at **CA Headquarters**. At this pre-budget work session, meeting hosted by the Planning and Strategy Committee, the Board will work on developing directions to staff for the budgets based on feedback offered by the public, board members, CA staff, the Columbia Villages and advisory committees.

The Columbia Association Headquarters is located at **10221 Wincopin Circle, Suite 100 in Columbia**. For more information you may call **410-715-3000**. To view the FY2010-FY2011 Columbia Association Budget Schedule log on to http://www.columbiaassociation.com/files/whats_new/id_29.pdf

Howard County's Commission on Aging Presents: "Make Your Voice Heard" Seminar

Howard County's Commission on Aging in partnership with the Maryland Commission on Aging and the County's Office on Aging will present a "Make Your Voice Heard" seminar on **Wednesday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Gateway Center, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia.** The seminar will cover the following

- How to be better advocates for the vital programs and services that are important to their quality of life
- How to make their voices heard in Annapolis
- About the state budget process
- When and how to contact state legislators

There is an \$8.00 registration fee which includes lunch. Hurry! Space is limited. For more information, contact **Howard County Commission on Aging** at coa@howardcountymd.gov or call **410-313-6410**.

11th Annual 50 + Expo!! – October 16th!

The 11th annual 50+ Expo will be held on **October 16th at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia from 9am to 4pm.** Don't miss this premier event for seniors 50 and better.

For more information, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/OA/50+expo.htm or you may contact **Laurie Diener** at **410-531-5472** or e-mail her at ldiener@howardcountymd.gov.

Free Shredding Event! – October 17th!!

Howard County's Bureau of Environmental Services will be sponsoring a **FREE** shredding event on **October 17th from 9am – 1pm** at **Meadowbrook Park, 5001 Meadowbrook Lane in Ellicott City.** Residents may bring up to three bags or boxes of paper to shred on site. For more information you may contact **Alicia Moore, 410-313-6415.**

Interested in International Exchange and Multi-Cultural Programs?

The Columbia Association is seeking adult and high school residents to serve a one-year term on the seeking advisors for International Exchange & Multi-cultural Advisory Committee. The committee is charged with developing programs that promote cross-city exchanges of individuals, groups and organizations in the areas of business, technology, culture and education.

Letters of interest should be mailed to **Laura Smit, Columbia Association, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044; or faxed to 410-715-3043; or e-mailed to International@ColumbiaAssociation.com** by **October 30**. For more information please call **Laura Smit at 410-715-3162**.

Deer Management Program Information for 2009-2010!

The Howard County Deer Management schedule for the fall/winter season is now available. The deer management program is an effort to help maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population in our parks where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity.

This year's managed hunts will include a combination of bow and shotgun hunting. Hunting hours are from **dawn until 12 noon**, and each park will be closed for all other uses during this time. For more information on the deer management program, log on to http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAP_DeerManagement.htm.

Or you may call the **Department of Recreation & Parks at 410-313-1675**.

Alpha Ridge Park:

Bow & Shotgun
November 4; December 9

Blandair Park:

Bow Hunting
October 6; October 27; November 10; December 8

David Force Park:

Bow & Shotgun
October 14; December 15

Fulton South Area:

Shotgun Hunting
October 19; December 7; January 20

High Ridge Park:

Bow & Shotgun
October 20; November 16

Middle Patuxent Environmental Area:

Bow & Shotgun
October 7; October 28; November 11; December 16; January 13;
February 10

North Laurel Open Space Area:

Bow & Shotgun
October 12; November 2; November 23;

Schooley Mill Park:

Shotgun Hunting
November 9; November 24; December 14

West Friendship Park:

Shotgun Hunting
November 18; February 3

Wincopin Trail Area at Savage Park:

Shotgun Hunting
October 13; October 26; November 17

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**.

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**.

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"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