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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

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 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

The Long Reach calendar can be found at

http://www.columbiacalendar.org:8080/View.html?calendar_id=8

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

Current Road Maintenance Projects in District 2

Milling/paving and crack seal contractors will continue road maintenance in Howard County on the following streets during the month of November. *Note: Some projects may have already been completed.

Crack Seal

Afternoon Lane

Babylon Crest
Battler Court
Bellfall Court
Caboose Court
Camelback Lane
Catfeet Court
Criss Cross Court
Gales Lane
Gatsby Green
Good Lion Road
Hobnail Court
Highwind Court
Indian Camp Road
Jamina Downs
Kilimanjaro Road
Lapwing Court
Longlook Lane
Maera Court
Macomber Lane
Merryrest Court
Matador Road
Mirrorlight Place
Moongong Court
Oakland Mills Road (dead end)
Offshore Green
Old Deep Court
New Leaf Court
Pamplona Road
Pinecone Row
Pursuit Court
Pushcart Way
Red Cart Court
River Meadows Drive
Rosinante Run
Sargossa Place
Sealed Message Road
Shadowfall Terrace
Sohap Lane
Torrent Row
Two Hills Court

Honeysalt Row
Wandering Way

Milling/Paving:

Aspern Drive
Pirch Way

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. 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**

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**.

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

The next Howard County BRAC Task Force Meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 12, 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

HC DrugFree Programs

Dangerous & Destructive Decisions: Teen Drinking, Speeding & Distracted Driving

Wednesday, December 5, Central Library

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

Parents and teens are invited to attend an interactive program on underage drinking, speeding and distracted driving. Alcohol continues to be the #1 drug used by teens in Howard County. Underage drinking can lead to dangerous behavior, property damage, car accidents, alcohol poisoning, and unplanned sex. Find out how riding in a car driven by someone who has been drinking, as well as speeding and distracted driving can impact your choices, your

credibility and ultimately your life. Laurel Stiff, a Maryland Shock Trauma nurse from PADDD (Positive Alternatives to Dangerous & Destructive Decisions) will use video footage to explore situations where teens made dangerous and destructive decisions. Parents will also learn about the legal consequences of providing alcohol to teens in their own home.

Gifted and Talented Parent Rep. Needed!

The Howard County Parent Academy is a place where ideas that affect the county's GT program are discussed, planned and implemented. Each school has a parent (or two) that serves as the GT Parent representative for the school. We still need someone to serve for Oakland Mills. If you would like to be a part of the Parent Academy as our representative, please contact Vincent James at 410-313-6949 or Debbie Blum at the Faulkner Ridge office at 410-313-1536.

Managed Deer Hunts at Blandair Park!

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

Sign Up For the “Greenovation”: Indoor Air Quality

About what topics will I learn?

- Items that affect your indoor air quality (ex: furnishings, finishes, cleaners, air fresheners, cabinets, human activity, and others)
- The benefits of selecting Eco-friendly interior finishes and paints
- Impacts of building systems, equipment, and the entire building package on indoor air quality

Why should I take this class?

Here are just some of the many benefits of learning and incorporating green products & techniques:

- Healthier indoor air quality and safety for you and your children

- Reduced exposure to Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), exempted VOCs, and other neurological and pulmonary toxins (see below)
- Clear conscience of using socially and environmentally responsible products
- Learn about alternatives in decorating your home.
- Let your home work more as a system, synchronizing the benefits of indoor air quality, health, energy savings, and sustainability

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are emitted as gases from certain solids or liquids. VOCs include a variety of chemicals, some of which may have short- and long-term adverse health effects. Concentrations of many VOCs are consistently higher indoors (up to ten times higher) than outdoors.

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2007

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. – Check-In
8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.- Indoor Air Quality

Location:

Green Building Institute
@ The Enviro-Center

7761 Waterloo Road (Rte. 175)
Jessup, MD 20794

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 in the Teens and Tots section. Applicants must submit the completed application by **March 1**. For more information, please call **410.715-3175**.

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. 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 for more information.

Environmental Course Offered for Low- to Moderate-Income Residents- December 1st!

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.

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

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 or visit their website at <http://www.neighborride.org/>

CA Sponsors a 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.

Annual Holiday Food Drive - Collection dates: Dec. 3 – December 19!

The Oakland Mills Community Association is partnering with The Columbia Bank, Oakland Mills Branch for our annual Food Drive. Please drop off items at either The Other Barn or The Columbia Bank, Oakland Mills Branch.

Donations of non-perishable food items in unopened boxes or cans are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed at Stevens Forest Elementary School

Volunteers are needed to help provide homework assistance for the Bobcat Bridges after school program. Bobcat Bridges runs Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The homework portion runs from 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm. SFES has approximately 35 students participating in grades 2-5. Assistance is needed to help students with their homework assignments and distributing snacks. If you are interested in volunteering please call 410-313-6900 and ask for Mrs. Merry Martin-Bobcast Bridges Coordinator.