

November 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](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 **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](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 laws within Howard 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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## **Boards and Commissions Vacancies**

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission position 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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## **Revitalization of Downtown Columbia!**

The Howard County Council has received an extensive amount of testimony from our community regarding the legislation on Downtown Columbia, **Council Bill 58-2009 and Council Bill 59-2009.**

The Council is now holding work sessions to address specific concerns that were raised during the testimony process. Upcoming work sessions will be held on **December 2, 2009** at 4:30 p.m., **December 7, 2009** held directly after the 7:30 p.m. legislative session and **December 8, 2009** at 4:30 p.m. These meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Board of Education building located at 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

I appreciate any comments, concerns, questions and/or feedback that you may have. To submit written testimony, send an email to [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)

Please check the Howard County Council Agenda website regularly for updated calendar information at:

[http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative\\_CouncilAgenda.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_CouncilAgenda.htm)

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## **Long Reach High School Hosts Children's Book Drive!!!**

The Interact Club at Long Reach High School is hosting its Children's Book Drive to benefit the Howard County Head Start Program! This event will take place **November 16, 2009** through **December 4, 2009**. Collection boxes will be placed in the Atrium during lunch shifts, in Room 346, the Library, and the Guidance Office. They are looking for age-appropriate

books for Pre-K children. For additional information, please contact **Diane McAllister** at (410) 313-7117.

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## **Leadership U is Now Recruiting High School Sophomores!!!**

Leadership U is looking for high school sophomores to participate in next year's class! This program helps students entering their junior year develop leadership skills by working in teams to discuss, reflect upon and develop solutions for problems that affect them and their peers in the community. Mentoring opportunities are also available with local businesses, community leaders, and/or Howard County Government officials. Information sessions are scheduled for **February 2, 2010** and **February 11, 2010**. The application deadline is **March 12, 2010**. For additional information, please contact **Diane Freedman** at [dfreedman@leadershiphc.org](mailto:dfreedman@leadershiphc.org) or visit their website at [http://leadershiphc.org/LHC/Leadership\\_U.aspx](http://leadershiphc.org/LHC/Leadership_U.aspx)

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## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Poster Contest!**

Calling all students! Capture Dr. King's Dream with a personalized essay and you will be entered to win a cash prize!! There are three possible essay topics available for high school and middle school students. Students in grades KG through Grade 5 are invited to participate in a Poster Contest. This event is sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Howard County Holiday Commission. The contest deadline is **4:30 p.m. on December 28, 2009**. For more information, please contact **Dr. Devesh D. Kanjarpane** at (410) 347-4469.

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## **Robert Oliver Place Beautification!**

Our community has reached out and expressed the desire to see Robert Oliver Place remodeled and I am pleased to announce that construction is currently underway! Examples of our beautification process to the Oakland Mills Village Center include replacement of existing landscape islands, streetscape improvements including sidewalks, road resurfacing, lighting, curb and gutter installations, curb cuts, and street trees and landscaping. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed during the

month of December. For questions or concerns about Capital Project C-0287, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at (410) 313-3440 or by email at [publicworks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:publicworks@howardcountymd.gov).

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## **Howard County to Host Meeting on Human Service Grant Application Process!**

Howard County Department of Citizen Services will be holding a pre-submission meeting for representatives from non-profit organizations interested in applying for Community Service Partnerships (CSP) grants on **Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Gateway Building, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 in Room 6.** Grant applications are due by **Friday, January 29, 2010.** Applications are available on-line at [www.howardcountymd.gov/Citizen\\_Services](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Citizen_Services) beginning **Thursday, December 10, 2010** or by calling the Department of Citizen Services at (410) 313-6400.

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## **Going Green!!**

**FREE** Paper bags used for Yard waste are now available at The Other Barn. **Limit:** 2 Bags per Household.

“Did you know? Howard County encourages residents to use reusable containers or paper bags for yard waste rather than plastic. Why? Paper bags will biodegrade with the yard trimmings and improve the quality of the finished compost. The bags are easy to fill and more resistant to punctures and tears.” FREE paper bags are available from The Other Barn, Oakland Mills Community Association; the Recycling Division at 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr., Suite 514; or the Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville. Quantities are limited. Visit [www.howardcountyrecycles.org](http://www.howardcountyrecycles.org) or call (410) 313-6444 for more information.

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## **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](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  
December 9

### **Blandair Park:**

Bow Hunting  
December 8

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## **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**.

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## **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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For additional news and events, please visit the Howard County Calendar of Events at [http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_CalendarofEvents.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_CalendarofEvents.htm).

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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