



MEDIA ADVISORY

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Community Athletic Program returning for second summer *County executive, police chief to kick off program on Tuesday*

- WHAT:** Kick-off for mobile Community Athletic Program
- WHO:** County Executive Ken Ulman
Police Chief William McMahon
- WHEN:** Tuesday, July 6, at 11 a.m.
- WHERE:** Long Reach Village Center, to the rear of Stonehouse and Columbia Art Center
6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045 (see accompanying map)

Howard County police will be holding a kick-off party to launch the first appearance of the Community Athletic Program this summer. The Community Athletic Program, or CAP, is a traveling recreation center that debuted in 2009 to encourage constructive activities for youth during the summer. **Photo/video opportunities will be available** at the party, being held on Tuesday, July 6, starting at 11 a.m. at Long Reach Village Center. County Executive Ken Ulman and Police Chief William McMahon will kick off the festivities from 11-11:30 a.m. The party will continue throughout the afternoon and feature a cookout, demonstrations by the department's K9 unit, a visit from a tactical vehicle, games and more.

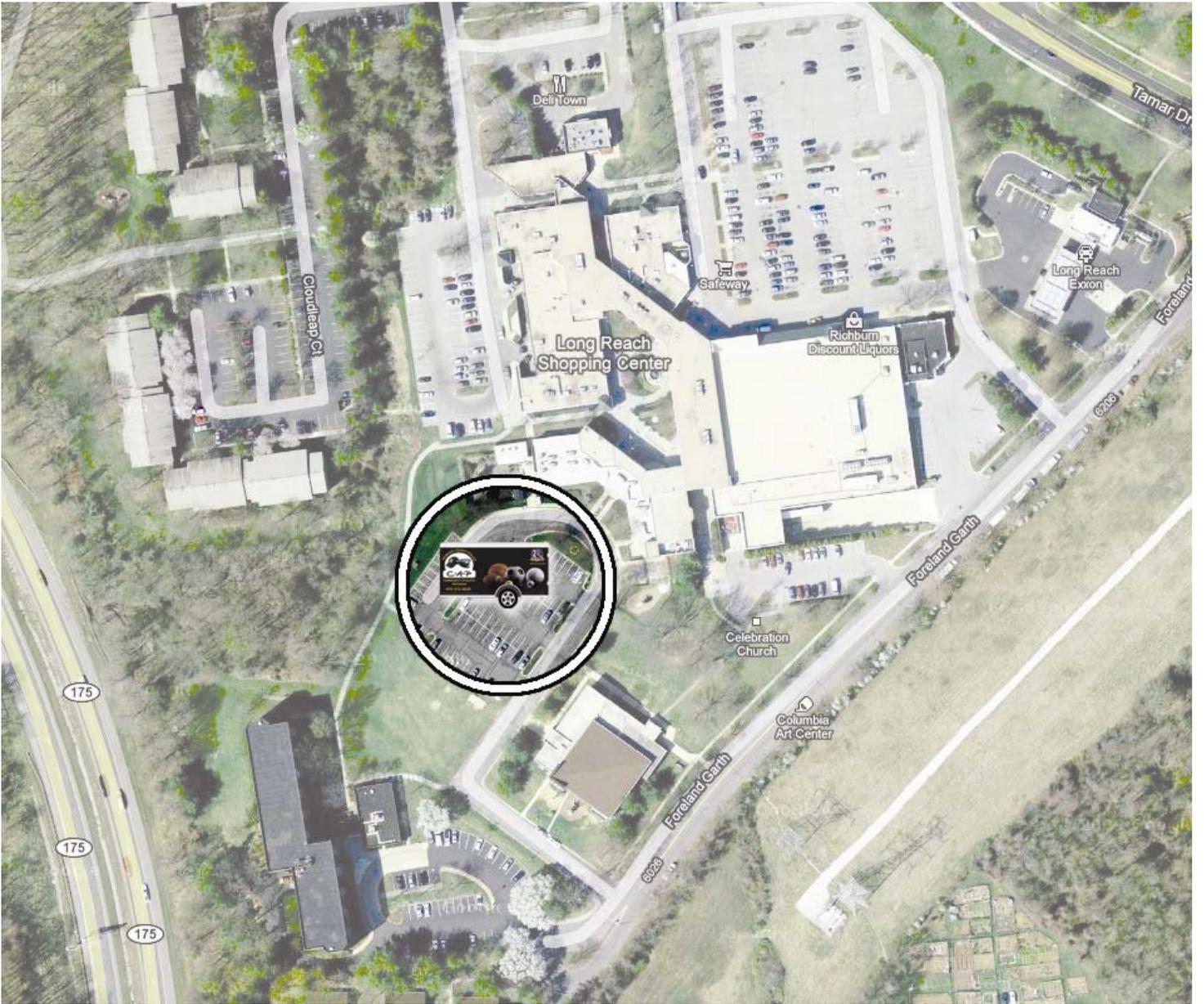
The police department's youth division developed the mobile CAP, which consists of a traveling trailer filled with sports gear, games and video game equipment and staffed by school resource officers and other youth services officers. Funding for the CAP is provided by an anti-gang grant from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The concept is for police to engage with youth in areas where young people congregate during the summer. The CAP will differ from the unstaffed open space and sports facilities throughout the county. It will provide positive options for youth in their own neighborhoods – and in locations where crime tends to increase in the summer, including near shopping centers, apartment complexes, foot paths and tot lots – under the supervision of police and on a drop-in basis. The CAP's prevention/intervention model will target middle- and high-school-aged youth who do not yet have transportation but are too old for traditional, supervised summer activities.

The trailer will visit a different neighborhood each day of the week and then return to that neighborhood on the same day in subsequent weeks. The CAP is an integral part of the agency's multi-faceted crime-fighting and anti-gang strategy.

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Note: Please see accompanying flier for a 2010 summer schedule of the Community Athletic Program.



This summer,
a mobile rec center
is coming to your neighborhood.

Sony PS3
Baseball
Bago



Basketball
Flag football
Board games

Drop in for fun from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MONDAYS

OAKLAND MILLS VILLAGE CENTER

TUESDAYS

LONG REACH VILLAGE CENTER

WEDNESDAYS

LAUREL WOODS ELEMENTARY

THURSDAYS

HARPER'S CHOICE VILLAGE CENTER

FRIDAYS

EAST COLUMBIA LIBRARY

The CAP will operate weekdays July 6 to Aug. 20 except the week of July 26.

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