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December 2, 2011

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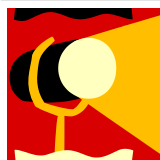


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Updates, news and events all about the Oakland Mills Community Association!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Other-Barn/120935497922232>

This Facebook page showcases The Other Barn our special and unique building!
Feel free to share your wonderful comments!



Spotlight On....

Jazz in the Mills Holiday Extravaganza

Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Featuring Davey Yarborough & Esther Williams

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door or online at

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/144233

Sunday's show will include complementary "lite fare" food offerings.

Wine, soda and water and snacks available for purchase.

Listen to the sounds of Davey and Esther at www.dcjazzmusic.org

Jazz in the Mills is sponsored by the Oakland Mills Community Association.

Lavenia Nesmith is the chair of the Jazz in the Mills Committee.



OM NEWS

The Oakland Mills Board and Staff wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

OAKLAND MILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tues. December 13, 7:30 p.m.

Contact the entire Oakland Mills Board: <http://oaklandmills.org/node/13>

If you would like to send an email to the entire board the link to the page (above) will prompt you to send an email to the entire board.

Annual Oakland Mills Cookie Swap

Sunday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at The Other Barn

Bake 5 dozen of the same cookie – some to share/taste and the rest to swap. Leave with a HUGE assortment of cookies to give as gifts or share w/family & friends. Please make sure to rsvp! Go to <http://is.qd/Ocwit8>

To rsvp and to invite others to this event. If you can't rsvp online please call Mary Kate at 410-294-3776.

The next **Resident Architecture Committee** (RAC) meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m. at The Other Barn.

FREE HOME REPAIRS

Rebuilding Together Howard County is now accepting applications for its Free Home Repairs Program. This program provides assistance to low-income homeowners, the elderly, disabled or those who simply don't have the funds necessary to maintain their home. To qualify, you must own and reside in your Howard County home. There is a brief, two page application that must be completed to be considered for the program. If your home is chosen, all repairs will be completed by volunteers the last Saturday in April at *no cost* to the homeowner. **Rebuilding Together Howard County** has repaired over 580 homes in the county since its inception in 1992. Corporate sponsors provide the funding and materials; volunteers provide the labor. An application may be picked up at your Village Office, downloaded from the Rebuilding Together web site at www.rebuildintgetherHC.org or call [410-381-3338](tel:410-381-3338) to have one sent to you. The application deadline is December 31, 2011.

Howard County Curbside Bulk Item Collection

Howard County residents received a postcard in the mail detailing the new curbside bulk item collection. This new program REPLACES “dumpster days”. There is a lot of important information to know about scheduling bulk item collections. Please refer to the county website at <http://howardcountymd.gov/bulk.htm> for complete details.

Deer Management Program for 2011-2012!

Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its fall/winter schedule of managed deer hunts.

Blandair Park

Bow Hunting: February 14; February 23



Music and Arts

Art Night at The Other Barn

Wed. Dec. 7th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and every 1st Weds. of the month!

Art Night is a time to set aside for relaxation and creativity, and it don't cost a thing!

Lively Arts For Little Ones at The Other Barn

Next Show: Friday, January 20th at 10 a.m.

Anansegromma of Ghana – Highly energetic African music and dance!

Tickets in advance or at the door and \$5.00 for everyone **ages 2 & Up** (incl. adults).

You have the option to purchase online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/182498 (There is a \$1.99 service charge for online purchases. Will Call Only. Available for pick up the day of the event.)

Our full line-up of performers including links to performer websites can be found at <http://www.oaklandmills.org/node/31>

Mark your calendar for our great performances for young audiences!

Special discount for subscription series and group purchases!

For more information contact Brigitta Warren at omcaadmin@columbiavillages.org



School News & Information

**Information at your fingertips! Click and link to OM Schools:
JUST CLICK IT!**

Oakland Mills High School: <http://www2.hcpss.org/omhs/>

Oakland Mills Middle School: <http://www2.hcpss.org/omms/>

Stevens Forest Elementary School: <http://sfes.hcpss.org/>

Talbott Springs Elementary School: <http://tses.hcpss.org/>

Thunder Hill Elementary School: <http://thes.hcpss.org/>

* KIDS FOR KIDS

In the spirit of giving during this holiday season, THES PTA has partnered with other Oakland Mills elementary schools to identify families who are financially unable to purchase gifts and other necessities for their children. As all children do, these children are looking forward to receiving some new clothing, toys, musical items and books. We invite your family to help us fulfill the wishes of these children. The wish lists and more details about this project can be found on the PTA website: <http://thespta.yolasite.com/kids-for-kids.php>

OUTREACH OAKLAND MILLS

To support this community effort, simply bring in gently used toys and clothes as well as household items (e.g., diapers, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, trash bags, laundry soap) to the school by Dec. 14. Items will be distributed at Talbott Springs Elementary School on Dec. 17.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want a hands-on volunteer opportunity this holiday season? We will be gift wrapping items donated for Kids for Kids on Dec. 14, setting up for Outreach Oakland Mills on Dec. 16, and helping with the event on Dec. 17. To learn more about or volunteer for these activities, visit <http://thespta.yolasite.com/kids-for-kids.php> or contact Jill McLeigh at jillmcleigh@gmail.com.

Come out and support the WBAL Kids Campaign at the WBAL Concert for Kids, Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30pm at Oakland Mills High School.

The **OMHS Chamber Orchestra** presents a concert for the whole family featuring musical selections from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *It's a Wonderful Life* as well as seasonal selections. The Concert will feature soloists J.J. Barron and Katie Hale, the Oakland Mills Choir and members of the Oakland Mills Dance Department, plus special readings. Baked goods will be provided by the Oakland Mills National Honor Society during intermission. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the [WBAL Kids Campaign](#).

For tickets go to www.seatyourself.biz/oaklandmillshigh or email omhs.orchestra@gmail.com.

Oakland Mills Nursery School, located in the Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center (9205 Log Chain Road.) If interested in a great educational experience for your child please visit our website at www.omns.org or call us at 410-997-4024.

Stevens Forest Cooperative Nursery School, located in the **Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center** For more information see the website at www.stevensforestnurseryschool.org or call 410-997-0808.

The Learning Cottage The school is located at the **Talbott Springs Neighborhood Center**, for more information about the school, please call 410-740-5538, email thelearningcottage@verizon.net, or visit the website at www.thelearningcottage.info



Going Green

* **The Community Action Council administers the Weatherization program for the State of Maryland.** Recently, the State has changed the eligibility criteria for the program to include moderate income families. As such, the program is no longer only targeting low income families. Based upon the new guidelines, many friends and family members might be eligible for this wonderful **FREE** service.

Is your home energy efficient? Determine if you are eligible for **FREE** weatherization services. Maximum family income for eligibility is as follows:

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$4,079
2	\$4,663
3	\$5,242
4	\$5,821
5	\$6,292

Applications are available online at http://cac-hc.org/cac_howtoapplyweatherization.htm. For more info, call **410-313-1181**

Master Gardener Programs at The Other Barn

Free ~ Informative ~ Fun!

Wed. Feb. 15th, 7:00 p.m. ~ Composting

Complete descriptions available at www.oaklandmills.org



Columbia Association News and Columbia Teen Center News
Follow CA on Facebook: [facebook.com/CA.ColumbiaAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/CA.ColumbiaAssociation)

Holiday Giving: The Columbia Teen Center's Teen Outreach Committee and The Teen Advisory Committee have come together in an effort to collect every day household items to donate to families during the holiday season. Items such as hair products, pampers, laundry detergent, soap, gas cards, gift cards, tissue, etc will be accepted. The goal is to donate one months' worth of supplies per each family identified.

Please show your support by stopping by either of the two drop off sites:

- Columbia Association's HQ 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044
- Columbia Teen Center, The Barn- 5853 Robert Oliver Place Columbia, MD 21045

Please call (410) 992-3726 or (410) 715-5523 for more information.

Information sessions to be held for 2012 Student International Exchange Program

High school students and their parents are encouraged to attend

The Columbia Association (CA) will offer four information sessions this fall for parents and teens about the summer 2012 Sister Cities High School Student International Exchange Program on Wednesday, Wednesday, December 7; and Thursday, December 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. at CA Headquarters. Laura Smit, program manager for CA's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs, will speak and answer questions about the month-long July program, which begins with two weeks of cultural and linguistic immersion in one of Columbia's sister cities, Cergy-Pontoise, France, or Tres Cantos, Spain, where students will be hosted by the family of a French or Spanish student. After returning to the United States, students will host their French or Spanish counterpart for another two weeks. Throughout the trip there are organized group activities for the participants. The registration fee is \$650 for Columbia residents and \$790 for non-Columbia residents. Airline tickets may range from \$1,100 to \$1,500 per participant. Applicants must be high school students residing in Howard County and must have completed high school level two of French or Spanish by the end of the current academic year or have the equivalent language fluency. Applications are due February 17, 2012.

For more information, please contact Laura Smit at 410-715-3162 or International@ColumbiaAssociation.com. CA Headquarters is located at 10221 Wincopin Circle in Columbia.

***** **Join the Columbia Archives for a couple of happy hours on Tuesday, December 6, and Friday, December 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.** to reminisce about Columbia while you are surrounded by things that might help jog some memories. Sharing stories about Columbia is a great pastime for many, judging by the popularity of the Facebook group, "You know you grew up in Columbia when" However, we know you don't have to grow up here to play the game; it can be equally fun for parents who raised their children in Columbia or recently moved here. Have you ever thought, "You know you *haven't* lived in Columbia long if you still have trouble finding a gas station," or "I know Wilde is spelled with an 'e', but why?" Whether you've been here for two months or 20 years, we invite you to bring your memories, and any burning questions, about this place you call home.

Refreshments will be provided. Books about Columbia will also be on sale for those wanting to bring the memories home for the holidays. Columbia Archives is located at 10227 Wincopin Circle in Columbia Town Center. For directions or more information, please e-mail Columbia.Archives@ColumbiaAssociation.com or call 410-715-3103.

***** **Time Banking Holiday Pot Luck Exchange**

Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the holiday season with the Columbia Community Exchange Time Bank at the Columbia Art Center! Time Banking is co-hosting a pot luck with the Art Center during its annual Gala Reception for the 'Singular Sensations' holiday exhibition. The exhibit features fine artwork that is available for purchase. We invite you to bring a personal care item to donate to the Columbia Teen Center's holiday collection. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP to <mailto:Communityexchange@ColumbiaAssociation.com> or call 410-884-6121. Learn more about time banking at <http://www.ColumbiaAssociation.com/Timebanks> Visit the link for more information. <http://www.columbiaartcenter.org/index.aspx?page=galleryShop>

*** CA seeks members for new Tema (Ghana) Sister City Committee**

Columbia may soon have a third sister city to join Tres Cantos, Spain, and Cergy-Pontoise, France. In October, the Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors approved a proposal to develop a new sister city relationship with Tema, a planned community in Ghana. CA's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs Department is seeking volunteers to join the Tema (Ghana) Sister City Committee to help establish a formal Columbia-Tema partnership. The committee will lay the groundwork for international exchange programs for youths and adults in areas such as art, music, business, sports and education. Committee members should be Columbia/Howard County residents with an interest in actively developing this international relationship.

Columbia's international program has a 30-year history of sending adults and high school students to Cergy-Pontoise, France, and Tres Cantos, Spain – and hosting visitors from those countries here – to promote cultural understanding and improved language skills.

The committee is seeking both adult and teen members. Interested participants should contact CA Multicultural Program Manager Laura Smit at [410-715-3162](tel:410-715-3162) or International@ColumbiaAssociation.org for more information. Keep up with CA's International Exchange and Multicultural programs by visiting our Facebook page at facebook.com/cainternational and following us on twitter - [@casistercities](https://twitter.com/casistercities).



Happenings Around Town

Project Prom Dress ~ clean out your closet and support a great cause.

The American Red Cross Howard County District needs your gently worn prom dresses to help disaster victims. The collected garments will be sold as part of the **Second Annual Project: Prom Dress**, a unique boutique experience in February when the dresses will be sold to the public at a fraction of their original cost. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the American Red Cross disaster relief fund.

Sunday, Dec. 4 at East Columbia Branch from 1-5pm

6600 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045

For more information call 410/624-2035, email projectpromdresshoward@gmail.com or find Project: Prom Dress on Facebook. Photos, social media links and more Red Cross info can be found by visiting <http://bit.ly/qgag85>.

*** Oakland Mills resident Karen Gray is a featured artist at the Howard County Center for the Arts juried art show entitled *Art Howard County*.**

The art show runs through December 16th at the center.

Karen received the Honorable Mention Award! Congratulations Karen !

OPEN HOUSE & HOLIDAY SALE AT HOWARD COUNTY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Howard County Arts Council hosts the annual Open House & Holiday Sale on Friday, December 2, 2011, from 5:30–8:30pm. Local artists will sell unique and affordable art and

handcrafted items including paintings, photography, wearables, prints, ceramics, jewelry, greeting cards, and functional sculpture. Refreshments will be provided. HCAC resident artists and art organizations will also have their studios open to the public.

The Open House & Holiday Sale is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the website www.hocoarts.org or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

*** Kinetics Dance Theatre of Ellicott City is putting on a show next weekend!**

The Cracked Nut is a hilarious take-off on the traditional Nutcracker, fun for children and adults alike. It will be performed by children ages 9-17 (along with some guests of younger and older ages), December 10th and 11th, 1:30 and 3:30 each day, at the Howard County Center for the Arts. This entertaining one-hour show follows Clara on a journey from her dance studio to a land of oddly broken toys, jazzy sugar plum fairies and dancing wild flowers! The Cracked Nut is a project of Kinetics Dance Theatre, a non-profit dance organization in Ellicott City. Tickets are only \$5 each. Reserve in advance by calling Kinetics at 410-480-1686.

Art Gallery Opening

The Meeting House Gallery ~ November 6, 2011-January 1, 2012
Journeys

The mixed media exhibition "**Journeys**," featuring the works of Bet Aviv member Jim Auerbach, Nihal Kececi, David Mullen, Mary Deacon Opasik, Ted Schroll, and Tinam Valk, will open on November 6, 2011 and run until January 1, 2012. The Meeting House Gallery is located in The Oakland Mills Interfaith Center at 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. The exhibit is open from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.

A **Meet the Artists Reception** will be held from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Sunday, November 20, 2011, at The Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. Refreshments will be served.

The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, 21044

The Baltimore Watercolor Society will have a water media exhibit from September 28 through December 15, 2011. Over 20 members will have work on exhibit in this show.

The Baltimore Watercolor Society (BWS) is a non-profit group of artists. The BWS is a juried group with approximately 450 members mainly in the Baltimore and Washington area. The BWS celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2010 with a show at the Montpelier Art Center in Laurel, Maryland.

The BWS usually has 3-5 exhibits each year open to the juried members. These shows have a Juror of Awards. The Juror selects the Best in shows and cash prizes are awarded. In addition, the Society sponsors an annual Spring Mid Atlantic Regional Exhibition at Strathmore Hall in Rockville, Maryland. The exhibition is juried and open to all artists in the region who work in water media.

There will be a reception on Sunday, October 9, 3-5pm. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments and music. For more information, call 410-730-3987.

GALLERY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday	9:00pm - 9pm
Friday	9:00pm - 5pm

Saturday
Sunday

9am - 2pm
CLOSED

The Bill White Room Gallery is also used for meetings and classes. Please call to check availability of viewing artwork in this gallery.



Volunteer Opportunities

<http://volunteerhoward.org/>

NEIGHBOR RIDE

Neighbor ride is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to helping Howard County seniors, age 60 and over, maintain their independence. We offer transportation for health care appointments, social outings, religious services, volunteer activities, shopping and other personal needs.

Flexible and rewarding daytime, evening and weekend volunteer opportunities are available. No set schedule is required. Drivers simply choose to provide rides that are convenient to their homes, offices and daily routines. In fact, volunteers are especially needed between the hours of bus pick-up and drop-off times. Parents with young children are also welcome to bring them along when volunteering for a wonderful intergenerational experience.

Special volunteer orientation sessions can also be scheduled for groups at your worksite or in your community upon request. Please contact Rosemary Noble or Patrice Cerwonka at (410) 884-7433 or volunteer@neighborrideride.org for more information.

Have a great weekend!

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