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January 7, 2010

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OAKLAND MILLS NEWS

News from the Oakland Mills Board:

* **Oakland Mills Board Creates “Resident Remarks” guidelines.**

The Oakland Mills Board of Directors and Staff strive for civility at all meetings! Residents are encouraged to participate in Board Meetings at “Resident Remarks” (7:35 p.m. at each meeting) and share concerns relevant to the community and actionable by the village board. Please take a moment to read about our Resident Remarks guidelines:

http://www.oaklandmills.org/pdf/Oakland%20Mills%20Board%20of%20Directors_%20Resident%20Remarks.pdf

* **Student Safety/Pedestrian Concerns on Kilimanjaro Road**

The safety of students/pedestrians on Kilimanjaro Road is not a new issue. It is one that the community has been concerned with and discussing for years. Despite the conversations, there has been no resolution to improving the safety along the roadway.

Most recently however our discussions reached a new level. In November the board hosted a presentation with Diane Schwartzman, HC Chief of Traffic, Officer Russ Burris, HC Police, Frank Eastham, OMHS Principal and concerned parents and residents of Kilimanjaro Road. (Cindy Dillon, OMMS Principal was unable to attend but has been an integral part of our discussions.)

The focus was on the student/pedestrian crossings both at the Middle and High Schools. As a result of the meeting the following will occur:

- Signs will be installed on each side of the road at the pedestrian crossings alerting drivers that fines double in school zones for those who do not stop at crossings for pedestrians. (early 2010)
- Middle road sign posts will be installed on April 1 through Dec. 1 stating the law to stop at crossings and fines for breaking the law.
- Additional “flashing signs on poles” will be installed so that there is one in each direction at each school zone. (Summer, 2010)
- HC Police will monitor the roadway. There will be no tolerance for those who disobey the law. (immediately)
- We will ask for a study to determine if the crossing at the middle school falls within the parameters to have a crossing guard assigned.
- We will ask county to review the roadway to determine if safer pedestrian Crossings can be located at both OMHS and OMMS and determine where the crossings should be located.

Despite our best efforts the main issue is that drivers MUST obey the law - speed limit and school zone. It has been documented the “offenders” most often live in the neighborhood. Safety most certainly begins at home.

Please start the new year off by doing your part to make sure when traveling in your automobile, no matter where, that you obey the traffic laws and that you always think safety first.

OAKLAND MILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 12, 7:35 p.m. Rene Buckmon and Leslie Barnett will discuss the programs offered at the Columbia Teen Center.

8:15 p.m. Oakland Mills Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) Representative, Sylvia Huestis, will update the community of WAC issues.

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.

Meeting agendas and past meeting minutes are posted in the lobby of The Other Barn and can be viewed on our web site www.oaklandmills.org The agenda will be available at least one week prior to the meeting. The Full Spectrum Housing discussion is not listed on the agenda on the web.

RAC (Resident Architectural Committee)

The next meeting of the **RAC** (Resident Architectural Committee) will be held on **Thurs. Jan. 21** at 7:30 p.m. Lists of pending applications to be discussed are viewable on the OM web site: www.oaklandmills.org or at *The Other Barn* posted on the lobby bulletin board. Residents may sign-in to speak beginning at 7:00 p.m. on RAC meeting dates. There will be **no RAC meeting on Thurs. Jan. 7**. Deadline for Jan. 21 meeting was Tues. January 5.

RAC MEMBER NEEDED

Oakland Mills Architectural Committee needs residents to serve on their Resident Architecture Committee (RAC). Members' responsibilities include attending 2 evening meetings per month and visiting residents' properties prior to the review meetings. For more information, please call 410-730-4610, or email omcacov@columbiavillages.org

Entertainment 2010 Books Available at The Other Barn.

The price is the same as it has always been: \$25
The book pays for itself. Get your copy while supply lasts!

Lively Arts for Little Ones

Start the new year off with a bang....of the drum!

FunDrum Rhythm Circles

January 8, 2010 10:00 a.m. \$4.75 for everyone ages 2 & up

Put on your fun time hats and join Jonathan Murray as he gathers everyone's rhythm and starts the music. Let percussion instruments and drums be your ticket to the exciting world of making music from countries all around the globe. Everyone gets to participate!

*** SNOW POLICY FOR LIVELY ARTS SHOWS:**

If Howard County schools open ON TIME or 1 HOUR LATE the show will be held as scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

If Howard County schools open 2 HOURS LATE or school is CANCELLED then the Lively Arts Show is CANCELLED for the day. We will make every attempt to reschedule.

*** Oakland Mills COMMUNITY Sing**

Sunday, March 7, 2:30 – 4:30 at The Other Barn

Singers and Musicians of all ages come together for a joyful sound!

No vocal experience necessary. Contact Dorita Forehand for more exciting information!



NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Dorita Forehand, 410-730-1120

omcommunityorganizer@columbiavillages.org

Dorita's hours are M – W, 9 – 4.

*** Oakland Mills Volunteer Opportunities!**

Please contact OM Community Organizer Dorita Forehand for more information.

*** OM Music & Arts Collaborative NEEDS YOU!**

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m. at The Other Barn

We're starting the new year off by calling one and all to be a part of our Music & Arts Collaborative! Keep the vision going by being a part of this great team! There are a lot of exciting music and visual arts ideas floating around. Please join us to discuss the great events that we can bring to Oakland Mills.

*** Street Captain Recruitment Continues!**

Make the connection with your neighbors by being an Oakland Mills Street Captain, our ambassador to the community! If your street or portion of your street is not "covered" you are missing out on this great OM connection. Contact Dorita Forehand for more information. Bilingual residents participation is encouraged!



CLASSES AT THE OTHER BARN!

Digital Photos: Organizing, Enhancing and Sharing Your Digital Photographs

Sat. Jan. 9 & Jan. 16 9:30 – noon at The Other Barn

PLEASE consider attending this class! You can register/pay at the first session this Sat. 1/9. PLEASE arrive a few minutes early to register/pay. We accept cash (exact amount \$30 appreciated, or check). Of course advance notice of your attendance is appreciated, just let us know at omca@columbiavillages.org

ALL attendees will need to bring a laptop to class. Wireless internet is available.
Cost: \$30.00 for the two class course, must enroll for both classes, plus \$3.00 materials(optional or print from home)
Instructor: Rick Hildenbrand, Ph.D Rick is a long-time OM resident and career educator.

This 5 hour course, split into two 2.5 hour sessions will help you increase the enjoyment you obtain from all of those pictures you've taken with those wonderful digital cameras. Using some free software tools available on the web, you will learn how to **organize** and **manage** your **photos**, **enhance** your photos using easy-to-use tools and share your enhanced photos by creating web albums, photo books and more!

Stamping with Gina – Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m.
Pre-registration (phone call or email) is required.
(\$10 class plus \$ 5 supply fee)



SCHOOL NEWS and EVENTS

Support our OM Schools:

- ☺ **Join the school PTA.** Show your support through your membership. The Oakland Mills **board** members join each Oakland Mills school's PTA each year and encourages residents to join the PTA.
- ☺ **Mentor a student.** Mentors are needed in every school. Mentoring is one of the most rewarding experiences there is.
- ☺ www.hcpss.org Howard County Public School System's main web site. This site can lead you to each school and all contact information you need to HELP OUR SCHOOLS and HELP OUR CHILDREN.
- ☺ **Become involved with Oakland Mills education projects,** contact Dorita Forehand, OM Community Organizer at 410-730-1129.

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

OMHS BULLROAST
Saturday, January 30, 2010
Oakland Mills Village - The Other Barn
7 - 11 p.m.

Catered Dinner *with Scorpion Pride By Frank Eastham, Principal*
An Incredibly Delicious Meal Will Be Had By All! Enjoy Appetizers, Main Course & Dessert!
Adult Beverages Included; Silent Auction
Music, Dancing & Fun!; Raffles & Door Prizes
The Scorpion & Money Wheel
Tickets \$40

For Tickets or Information Contact

Bob Grandfield trackjam@aol.com 410-381-3574

Jackie Colvin jrcmllove@comcast.net 410-997-0903 **Must be 21 or older to attend.**

Stevens Forest Elementary School – Fund Raiser Dinner

On January 15, the **Stevens Forest PTA** will be selling dinners to raise money for our memory books. My Thyme Catering company will be cooking a great meal for us. The menu will include Herb Pork Loin or Herb Chicken Breast, Rosemary-Garlic New Potatoes, and a mixed Green Salad. This gourmet meal will be on sale for only \$7.50 per dinner. Drinks and desserts will be available for purchase as well. Carry out is available. We will start serving at **6:00 p.m.** on Friday, January 15 in the Stevens Forest cafeteria. So come out and join us.

Frederick Eiland
PTA President

Oakland Mills Nursery School

Oakland Mills Nursery School, located in the Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center (9205 Log Chain Road.) still has a few spaces available for the 2009-2010 school year. 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



COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION NEWS

Columbia Teen Center and Columbia Wide Teen Events

For information on events at the Teen Center call 410-992-3726

*** Teen Center Clothing Drive Distribution - Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers needed to assist with distribution of clothes on the following dates/times:

January 23 and January 24: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Teen Center

Contact Teen Center for more information.

Columbia Association
CA Headquarters & Member Service Center: 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia,
MD 21044 www.columbiaassociation.com
Phone: 410-715-3000

*** CA Budget Hearings**

Wed. January 13, 7:30 p.m., Slayton House, Wilde Lake

CA Staff presents highlights and participates in question and answer session with the community.

Wed. January 27, 7:30 p.m., CA Headquarters, Wincopin Circle

Villages and community members have opportunity to testify and comment on the proposed draft budgets.

CA accepting applications for Sister Cities High School Student Exchange Teens have opportunity to travel to Spain or France in summer 2010

The Columbia Association (CA) is accepting applications for the Sister Cities High School Student Exchange program until February 19, 2010.

CA has sponsored the Sister Cities High School Student Exchange since 1977. For an application or more information, please visit the CA website at ColumbiaAssociation.org, or call Laura Smit, Program Manager for International Exchange & Multicultural Programs, at 410-715-3162 or e-mail International@ColumbiaAssociation.com.

Know before you go with CA's Urgent Notification System
New service informs users of CA facility and program closings or delays

The Columbia Association (CA) is launching its new Urgent Notification messaging alert – notifying users first with up-to-the-minute information via cell phone text message or e-mail regarding urgent CA facility and program closings or delays. Just in time for the onset of winter weather, CA residents and members have the opportunity to sign up for this free service by visiting www.ColumbiaAssociation.org/notify.

While CA provides this alert service free of charge, users may be responsible for fees from their cell phone carrier associated with receiving text messages contingent on their calling plan. Participation in this system is voluntary and users may choose to be removed from it at any time.

Have a question for CA? We'll find the answer
CA enhances customer service efforts with launch of Community Solutions Program

The program offers the ability to contact CA 24/7 by phone at 410-715-3109 or online at <http://solutions.ColumbiaAssociation.org> with inquiries. A CA team member will respond via phone or e-mail by close of the following business day (Monday through Friday).

For more information, or to submit a question or feedback, please call 410-715-3109 or visit <http://solutions.ColumbiaAssociation.org>.

Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Award

Applications are available at the Columbia Village Association offices, HC public high schools, CA Headquarters and at www.columbiaassociation.com or by calling 410-715-3175. Application deadline is March 1, 2010.



GOING GREEN

Watershed Tip of The Month:

Ice Melt QUICK TIP: Avoid applying harsh chemicals to mitigate ice. Many de-icers contain harsh chemicals that remain as residue and are carried into the storm drains as ice melts. **Only use de-icers that have eco-friendly labeling to protect Columbia's waters**

Bay Wise Tip

Keep food scraps and grease out of the Bay.

Put oil in covered containers and then dispose in trash
Scrape food scraps in trash not down the disposal
Wipe oil and grease from dishes and cooking items and place in trash
Prewash dishes and pans in cold water before placing in dishwasher

These practices will not only improve the quality of the Chesapeake Bay but will also save you money in plumbing bill, help prevent overflows in sewer mains and avoid the inconvenience of not have the use of your kitchen and bathrooms due to blockages.

*** Columbia Villages Master Gardener and Going Green Programs**

These programs are all free of charge and open to the public. RSVP to the listed village, village information can be found at: www.columbiavillages.org

History of Gardening **Tues, Jan. 19 7:30 p.m.**
Location: Hickory Ridge, Hawthorne Center on Sunny Spring Road

Gardening in Small Spaces **Tues, Jan. 26 7:00 p.m.**
Location: Town Center, Historic Oakland, Vantage Point Road

Grow It, Eat It **Mon, Feb. 22 7:00 p.m.**
Location: Long Reach, Stonehouse, Tamar Drive

Fescue Lawns Wed. Mar. 10 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oakland Mills, The Other Barn

Basics of Landscape Design Thurs. Mar. 18 7:00 p.m.

Location: Owen Brown Neighborhood Center

Alien Invasion Thurs. March 25 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oakland Mills, The Other Barn

Howard County Greenfest, Saturday, April 17

Rain Barrel Workshop Sat. April 24 10:00 a.m.

Location: Oakland Mills, The Other Barn



AROUND TOWN

*** Camp Expo at Kahler Hall, Harpers Choice**

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Free to the public. Meet and learn about camps both locally and overnight. Your one stop shopping for camp information.

*** Roots of Howard County Celebration of African American History**

Sun., Feb. 21, 3 – 5 pm. Historic Oakland, Vantage Point Road

For more information call: 410-730-4744

Sponsored by the Villages of Columbia and the Columbia Association.

Second Chance Saloon

Live Music Friday and Saturday Nights- No cover!

For as Little as \$50 Per Month, You Could Have a Health Care Plan: Howard County is now offering a community-sponsored, affordable, comprehensive health plan for its residents. If you are a US citizen or legal permanent resident between the ages of 19 and 63, are currently uninsured and your household income meets the requirements specified on our website, you are eligible to join the Healthy Howard Health Plan. Benefits include 6 visits to a primary care physician per year, emergency care at the Howard County General Hospital, and access to our network of specialists. For more information visit www.HealthyHowardPlan.org or call 410-988-3737.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Columbia Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Long Reach Village Center
410-730-0075 – www.ColumbiaArtCenter.org
art.staff@columbiaassociation.com

*** Cannelloni Kids Cooking School Class – Comfort Food for ages 5 – 12**

Hands on cooking program incorporates science, math, nutrition and kitchen safety into the preparation of fun and delicious culinary specialties.

Sundays, January 24 – Feb. 14 (4 sessions), 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

\$120 residents/\$130 non-residents. Register by 1/20 by calling or stopping by the art center (information listed above.)

*** Schools Out Artsy Fun Days at the CA Art Center!**

Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 12, Feb. 15, April 2, April 5-9, April 22, May 14
Call or email the Art Center for details.

*** Teen Winter 2010 Art Classes and Workshops**

Great classes for teens, visit the Art Center (in person or online) for information!

www.hocoarts.org Listing of events and programs held at or sponsored by the Howard County Center for the Arts.

Located at: 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

The Howard County Arts Council announces the opening on January 15, 2010 of two new exhibits in the galleries at the Howard County Center for the Arts. Gallery I will feature the juried exhibit *The Third Perspective: Korean Americans Artists Daring Gazes* curated by Ock-Kyung Lee, Professor Emeritus of Towson University and Harriet McNamee, Former Curator of Education, the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Howard County Portrait Society: Face to Face in Gallery II is juried by artist and instructor Duane Lutsko. It will feature oil and watercolor paintings, drawings and pastels created at the Tuesday afternoon Portrait Drawing Sessions held at the Howard County Center for the Arts. This show will be an exciting opportunity to see how different artists interpret the same model with different mediums and styles. Participating artists include: Hjordis Bruce, Ginnie Chandler, Nathaniel Gibbs, Mary Jo Kotwas, Cheryl Lucente, Pat Roberie, Frank Russell, Bea Russ, Tom Shipley, Thomasine Spore, Barbara Steinacker, Christine Stratton, Bill Stromberg, Mary Jo Tydlacka and Bill Wilson.

A reception for both exhibits will be held January 29, from 6pm-8pm. Snow date is February 5. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10AM - 8PM, Saturday 10AM - 4PM, and Sunday 12 - 4PM. To learn more about HCAC programs and exhibits, call 410-313-ARTS (2787) or visit www.hocoarts.org

Slayton House Gallery, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, Maryland. For more information call 410-730-3987 or 301-596-4883.

* **Yolanda Koh** will offer a watercolor exhibit "Passage Through Time" from January 7 through February 6, 2010. **Rich Stokes** will exhibit photographs from his travels to Eastern Tibet.

GALLERY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday	9:00am - 9pm
Friday	9:00am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 2pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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

**Assistance for "Seniors" to get out and about!
CA's 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.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County

Contact Antoinette T. Eckstrom, at the Volunteer Center:
[Antoinette.Eckstrom@ColumbiaAssociation.com]

* **Volunteers needed to assist Special Olympics athletes at Ice Skating Social
January 18 at Columbia Ice Rink**

The Columbia Association (CA) is seeking volunteers to help Special Olympics athletes participate in an Ice Skating Social on Monday, January 18, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Columbia Ice Rink. This is a special skating social for Special Olympics athletes. Volunteers will receive a free skate rental and concessions from the snack bar.

Interested volunteers should call 410-715-5523. Columbia Ice Rink is located at 5876 Thunder Hill Road in Columbia.

* **Ready When The Time Comes - Training**

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County will offer "Ready When the Time Comes (RWTC)" by the American Red Cross and an opportunity to meet William F. Goddard, Fire Chief

Howard County Fire & Rescue (HCFR) on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 9:30 – 2 at the Clarksville Fire Station Community Room, Rts 108 and 32. Light Lunch included.

Registration required by January 19, 2010.

For more information or to register email pam@volunteerhoward.org or call 410-715-3179.



Making Dreams Come True for Seniors & You

In hopes of inspiring one million people to volunteer with participating organizations, such as **Neighbor Ride**, Disney is celebrating volunteers' good works by giving each of them a 1-day, 1-theme park ticket to the Disneyland® Resort or Walt Disney World® Resort, free. There's no better time to help make dreams of continued independence come true for the seniors **Neighbor Ride** serves and let Disney make a few magical dreams come true for you!

Neighbor Ride is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to decreasing isolation and helping Howard County's older residents remain active and independent by providing transportation for health care appointments, cultural and social activities, community volunteering, fitness and educational classes, religious services and other personal needs, such as shopping and business appointments. Extremely flexible and rewarding daytime, evening and weekend volunteer opportunities are available. Volunteer drivers may choose to provide rides that both fit their schedules and are convenient to their homes and daily routines. Parent volunteers are welcome to bring their children along for a wonderful intergenerational experience. **You can contact Rosemary Noble (volunteer@neighborride.org) or Colleen Konstanzer (community@neighborride.org) at (410) 884-7433 for more information.**

To volunteer with **Neighbor Ride** and participate in the Disney Give a Day initiative, pre-register at: http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/disneyparks/en_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day. For **Neighbor Ride**, the "Day" is defined as three rides. Volunteers new to **Neighbor Ride** will also be asked to participate in a one-hour volunteer orientation session.

Merry Mulch Your Tree... Curbside Tree Recycling!

The Howard County Government invites you to recycle your Christmas trees using the Tree Recycling Program. Curbside tree recycling is provided to eastern Howard County residents as part of the yard waste recycling service. This service begins **January 2, 2010** and continuing through **January 22, 2010**. Please note that trees will **NOT** be collected on trash days during this time. All recycled trees are delivered to a compost facility and transformed into compost and mulch.

All trees must be cut into less than 4foot lengths and tied. Each bag or bundle must weigh less than 40 pounds. Please remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, tree stands and plastic bags. Flocked trees which have fake snow on them can **NOT** be recycled.

There are also several drop-off facilities throughout Howard County which are open seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are not sure whether you receive yard waste service or have any questions or concerns, please either call **(410) 313-6444** or send an email to help@howardcountycycles.org. Additional information is also available on the internet at www.howardcountycycles.org

What to Know if You See Snow!!

The Howard County Department of Public Works is responsible for removing snow from our county roads. We proudly have more than 100 snow removal vehicles and have approximately 13,000 tons of salt stored in salt barns throughout Howard County.

The activities of the snow removal trucks can be followed by logging into the Howard County Homepage at www.howardcountymd.gov and click the “Snow Plow Tracker” icon or accessed directly at <http://snow2.co.ho.md.us/Index.asp>. You will then see a map of the county which shows the status of the county’s roads, whether they have been plowed or treated with de-icing materials.

The Snow Patrol program offers FREE snow removal for qualifying residents. To become a volunteer or be placed on the waiting list of potential clients, please contact **(410) 313-5980**. If you have any additional questions, please send an email to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov.

*Stay warm and lend a hand to those in need.
Go Ravens!*

Sandy Cederbaum

Village Manager

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