



THE "OVERLOOK"

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“An independent Newsletter by and for the Residents of Snowden Overlook”

From your Editor...winter weather has for the most part decided—thankfully—to pass by Columbia, Maryland. Perhaps the 61” (a record) we accumulated during the winter of 2010 will satisfy the snow clouds for awhile. Soon several of our S.O. neighbors will be winging/driving/’training’ their way back to us in preparation for our glorious Mid-Atlantic spring season due in less than 50 days. **NOTE:** *Please keep this issue of the “Overlook” in a safe place; there is so much terrific, helpful information from our contributors.*



Master Board
News

Lou True, President...

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: *The following addresses should now be used for communicating with the Clubhouse office and staff:*

office@snowdenoverlook.com Use this address for general questions that anyone in the Office can handle. This email will be checked by anyone on duty in the Office.

carol@snowdenoverlook.com Use this address when your message is intended for Carol Hergenroeder.

donna@snowdenoverlook.com Use this address when your message is intended for Donna Grau.

Clubhouse staff will no longer have access to messages sent to snowdenoverlook@verizon.net because that account is being closed. Another alternative for communicating with the Clubhouse Office is to use the “Contact” link at our community website, www.snowdenoverlook.com (<http://www.snowdenoverlook.com>).

SOCA NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT, LOU TRUE...

Awning for Clubhouse patio: This project has been on hold due to issues over the required building permit. We are now hopeful, however, that we will be able to move forward on this project soon.

Clubhouse Floors: New bamboo flooring has been installed in the office, craft room and kitchen, matching that in the living room and banquet room.

Gate Improvements: Our contractor is working on replacing the devices that control the gates with more reliable equipment. This will require that we each place new passes in our vehicles. We currently plan that each household will receive two of the new passes, *except for units delinquent in assessments.* If you need additional passes, they will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Office.

Technology: Many thanks to Dennis Eichenlaub for his extensive assistance to our staff in setting up the office network to better share resources, save money, automatically back-up critical data off-site, and improve our data base of resident information. Thanks, too, to Michael Goldblatt for his continuing upkeep of the fine www.snowdenoverlook.com website that he created for us.



Lending Library: Jan Brady volunteered to reorganize the library in the Craft Room. Check it out. Donations are welcome, but please donate old textbooks and technical works to the Howard County libraries instead. {Ed. Note: When returning books, please place them on the correct 'genre' shelf.}

Tray Tables: In response to their popularity, another set of four folding tables has been added to the Clubhouse. They are currently in the Banquet Room.

AED: The Automated External Defibrillator and emergency oxygen supply on the main floor have been relocated from the Craft Room to the hallway outside the Fitness Center. A second AED and oxygen bottle is mounted inside the door to the "Summer Room" on the lower level.

Protection of our community property: Unfortunately, we have experienced both vandalism and theft in our facilities. The security camera system has been helpful but cannot see everything. Please report any damage, theft, or inappropriate behavior to the office staff.

Driving in Snowden Overlook: A few residents have been observed driving in ways that threaten safety and property. This chiefly takes the form of disregarding traffic controls, especially stop signs, as well as excessive speed in entering or exiting the gate area. In part for this reason, the Board of Directors is working with its attorneys on a system of fines or other penalties to be assessed for these and other behaviors that threaten residents or SOCA property. In addition, the Board has considered the installation of traffic-calming devices, including speed bumps. That step which could inconvenience many may be

necessary to help convince a few to drive more considerately in the neighborhood.

Pool Season: It may seem a long way off, but our volunteer pool committee is already at work. The tentative plan is for the 2013 regular season to run from May 25th through September 2nd. In addition, however, we are once again planning early and late season extensions from May 4th through the 24th, and from September 3rd through the 29th. Thanks in advance to our volunteer Certified Pool Operators who make this long season possible.

Trash/Recyclables Collection: A reminder: our trash contractor normally does curbside pickup of trash on Mondays and recyclables on Thursdays. When holidays fall on those days, however, the contractor follows the same pickup schedule as Howard County with respect to any postponements. This information is published in local newspapers. If pickup will be delayed due to a holiday, we try to post a notice at the Clubhouse and on our website.

MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY PRESIDENTS

Kendall I, Bob Brady... On January 9, 2013, we held our annual meeting. There were two vacancies on the Board; Joanne LaPorte and Bob Brady allowed their names to be put forth as nominees. There being no nominees from the floor, Joanne and Bob were re-elected unanimously. Following the meeting, the Board decided on their Officer structure for 2013:

President: Bob Brady
Vice President: Marion Thompson



Secretary: Pat Harrington
Treasurer: Joanne LaPorte
At Large: Larry Lassen
On February 2nd, Punxsutawney Phil declared only six more weeks of winter, which means on March 16th, flowers bloom, trees begin their foliage process, and we can store away our winter clothes. DON'T BET ON IT! The cold weather is still here and we could see more snow. As a teenager in Connecticut, I remember a blizzard on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 19?? We have been fortunate so far, in the sense that we have only shoveled once, so again our costs for snow removal are down from the budget.

Last year, we spent very little on snow removal and have a fair amount of money left from the budget. Our intent is to create an Operational Reserve in a separate account which we may draw upon if necessary to cover an unexpected expense. We will do the same this year if possible, and then be able to cover the inevitable blizzard without raising your HOA dues or make an assessment.

Your Board is being as responsible as possible with your money and time, and hope you have the opportunity and willingness to participate with us for the betterment of our Kendall I Community.

Kendall II, Karen Paciarelli...

Spring is just around the corner and nice weather will allow us to proceed with our painting schedule. This will entail painting the trim on all 54 units, front and back, and will be done in two phases starting this year, 2013, with completion scheduled for 2014. Entire buildings will be painted in each phase beginning with the oldest to the most recently built. Also, asphalt rejuvenation of the

roadway in Kendall II will be completed in the spring as weather permits. The Kendall II Social Committee has received the results of their survey and will be planning a summer event for us all.

Villas I, Lou True...

PAINTING: The Board of Directors is close to approving a contract for external painting of all units this spring. More details to follow.

DRIER DUCT CLEANING: This maintenance item is the responsibility of individual homeowners. However, we are trying to arrange a community effort to help get this done for units that want it. Mary Anne Dupon has volunteered to help coordinate this. More information should be available by email or in our information boxes this spring.

HOMEOWNER INSURANCE: The condominium association provides basic 'master' insurance to cover each of our homes as sold to the first owner. Note, however, that this insurance has a deductible of \$5,000. Under Maryland law, that deductible will typically be the responsibility of the owner of the unit in which damage originates. As a result, we urge all homeowners to be sure that they have personal insurance covering the contents of their home, and that those policies also cover \$5,000 in deductibles under the master policy.

DAMAGED SHRUBS: Two yews behind the visitor parking spots next to 8736 Warm Waves have been seriously damaged. It appears that a vehicle went over the curb, across the sidewalk, and crushed these plants. They will likely need to be replaced. If anyone knows how this damage was done,



and by whom, please notify any board member.

FRONT POST LAMPS: Please check your post lamp. A number are out and this can be both a safety and appearance issue. Note

that the bulb can be replaced by a long-lasting energy-saving one.

GET READY FOR SPRING: Choose a nice day, clean up any garden debris and remove dead shrubs or other dead plants. You can plant pansies that will last until June. Let's make our neighborhood the prettiest in Snowden Overlook.

Ovation (Kendall III), Carole

Lieberman...We had a wonderful Progressive Dinner on February 2nd. The food was delicious and everything was extremely well-organized. We even had a special treat when one of our residents, Don Harding, played the piano and we had a very fun sing-along and dance-along during the salad course. Don was the leader of the terrific band, ENCORE, until his recent retirement. Don and Marilyn Stiles were married one year ago.

Our Social Committee recently organized a wonderful collection drive for the Grassroots Homeless Shelter in Columbia. Many donations were received and were then transported to Grassroots. It was a big haul and, of course, was greatly appreciated by Grassroots.

The Board recently approved the installation of an elevator battery backup system. So, if the power goes out and you are stuck in the elevator the battery power will kick in and the elevator will take you to the garage floor; the

door will open and you can exit the elevator. We all look forward to this addition.

Our 2013 Annual Meeting/Elections will be held on March 28, 2013. We will be filling three vacancies on the Board.

Villas II, Mark Bloom...So far our snow removal has gone smoothly—it is always a tough call when we get an inch of snow with some ice. The Board is trying our best to keep everyone informed of the status in a timely manner. If you have not received emails from me, then you have not registered for the Villas II mailing list. Please call me for information on how to be added to the list. If you know of a neighbor who doesn't have internet or uses it infrequently, please pass this information to them.

Our consulting engineer has sent Lennar a letter with his proposal/suggestion for repairing the wet roadway on Sage Brush. We are awaiting Lennar's response. And speaking about water, several owners have had water in their basements that has come in because of faulty installation of aluminum flashing between the top of the foundation and the bottom of the siding. If you have noticed this problem, call Lennar customer service—they have been responsive.

The Board is also starting to address the rust stain issue on Vast Rose

Our Architectural Committee is updating the Villas II guidelines. We have approved the installation of skylights and light tubes, in addition to awnings. Also, we probably will not spend the money for the 'gator' bags this year. We hope each owner will follow the current rules and water the trees in the common areas adjoining their properties. I encourage all of you to get involved in the



Community and attend our monthly Board meetings.



WEBSITE...
MICHAEL
GOLDBLATT

A new monthly calendar of events is added to our community's snowdenoverlook.com website a few days before the end of each month. To view or download the Calendar, go to

<http://snowdenoverlook.com/Calendar.html>.

And for a list of events scheduled for future months, go to the website's Social Page, <http://snowdenoverlook.com/Social.html>.

Most events are free for residents, and the cost for events with fees (like catered dinners) is very reasonable. Single residents may bring an adult guest to any social event and pay the same resident fee (if applicable) for their guest. Residents can sign up for events by using the "RSVP" link located at the top of each page of the website or by adding their name to the lists located at the entrance to the Clubhouse.

Please come to SOCA's social events to have a great time and enjoy the company of your neighbors; you'll be glad that you joined in the fun.

Clubhouse News ...

RONNIE TRUE... Remember when spring house cleaning was an annual event that our mothers insisted on doing? Well, this spring we will have a new cleaning company and schedule in place by March 1. We will have someone here 5 days a week for several hours each day. Your Clubhouse committee worked on implementing a

cleaning schedule and the SOCA Board has approved a new cleaning contract. With all our activities, the Clubhouse definitely needs daily attention and this should help.

Several new Clubhouse projects are also being planned. First is a window seat/storage space for the Craft Room. This will also provide some extra seating for meetings. Second, the committee is considering how best to use the downstairs "summer room". Although it is half the size of the upstairs ballroom, we may be able to use it for the smaller exercise classes. We are looking into the possibility of adding a new entrance from the side driveway. This would shorten the distance to get to this area and perhaps provide an easier entrance for accessibility for the disabled during the pool season.

Updates: We are still hoping the awning project for our upstairs outdoor area will meet County acceptance. If not, we have other ideas for shade and rain protection. New hands-off trash cans are now in the kitchen, and an umbrella holder is next to the front door. Also, we love the new bamboo flooring!



FITNESS CENTER
LINDA BLOOM

Our Fitness Center/Gym continues to be a vital part of our community and more people continue to use it. I am pleased to say that my committee and I have received many positive comments about the new upright



bike. Everyone seems to think that it is an excellent addition. Extra hooks also have been installed to make it convenient for residents to hang coats, purses, etc., while exercising. The preventive maintenance company, Full Spectrum, has done a very good job of keeping all the equipment in great working order. Again, I would like to emphasize the need to wipe off the equipment *before and after each use*. We want to ensure that our gym remains as sanitary as possible.

Here is a link about the benefits of exercising for seniors that you may be interested in: www.helpguide.org/life/senior_fitness_sports.htm.

SECURITY CORNER

JEFF MEDWID



The Security Committee and the community are seeing the fruits of our efforts. If you recall, the committee was instrumental in getting the video cameras installed at both the Guardhouse and the Clubhouse last year. At both locations, the data from the cameras has been critical in identifying and providing information to the police to go after violators. Most recently, a theft at the Clubhouse has been investigated and the stolen items returned. The police are still investigating.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have worked closely with the SOCA Board to recommend new electronic equipment to replace the software, badge reading devices,

and new entrance cards. This new equipment has been ordered and should be installed this month. If and when the existing gate and its mechanism fail, we can then replace that equipment. The advantage is these current updates will make replacing the gates a relatively simple task when the time comes.

Go Ravens!!



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

KAREN PACIARELLI

The Social Committee has been busy planning out our summer events. Here are a few highlights of what is ahead:

Sunday, March 24th: 6:00 p.m., \$15/per person, check to SOCA by March 16th. Chef Egg will present a cooking demonstration, and will prepare and serve us a delicious meal. Don't be fooled by his name—Chef Erik Berlin does not specialize in cooking eggs! Rather, "Egg" is his nickname since childhood.

Saturday, April 20th: 7:30 p.m. \$10/per person check to SOCA by April 15th. Charles Lee will sing the songs of Motown. Come with your dancing shoes on.

Sunday, May 19th: 6:00 p.m. \$5/per person, check to SOCA by May 17th; "Elvis in the House"; Elvis will make an appearance and perform at our Southern Pot Luck Dinner.



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Saturday, June 22nd, time TBD, \$10/per person, check to SOCA. Ladies, dig out your old poodle skirts. We'll be partying to the

sounds of the Retro Rockets. Dance to the music of the '50s-'60s.

In between all these great events, we'll have a Strawberry Social, a Sundae-on-Sunday party, and a Float Your Boat with ice cream floats—all throughout the summer. Grandkids Day will be Sunday, August 18th. Keep checking our website at www.snowdenoverlook.com



CRAFTING

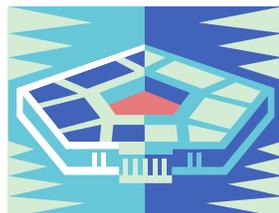
SHEILA WOLF

Coming in July: Susan Dubick will teach us decoupage. She makes one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces and pins with 'Ravens' designs that has brought her a following. She sells them exclusively at Discoveries in Ellicott City. Susan also teaches at Ellicott Mills Middle School. Watch for more information about her July craft class.

If you have any other crafters who would like to give a presentation for us, please contact me. Sheila Wolf at 410.290.1006.

MILITARY-GOV CLUB

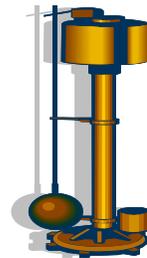
BOB BRADY



Another three months have come and gone as quickly as one week. It is amazing how fast time passes the older we get. What I have realized is that we—the older generation—have a tendency to leave for Florida or other warm parts of the world the minute the weather becomes cold here in Columbia. Therefore, trying to have a meeting this past quarter was in the "too hard box". I will be away most of March (in Florida!) so we will attempt to have a meeting in April or May.

Our current flag is still in good condition but will probably need to be replaced in the April-May timeframe. If you have a flag belonging to a loved one that you wish to be flown at our Clubhouse, please let me know. I have one available now but would like to have others. This is OUR community, and flags belonging to our loved ones should be flown whenever possible.

Jerry Pelch and I are available to talk with you about your flag. Contact me at 410.290.1914 or Jerry at 443.546.4380.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

RAY HURST

WATER ALARM...In the last edition of the "Overlook" I discussed two different types of sump pump backup systems and their operation. If you don't have a backup system installed, you might check out the "Watchdog" water alarm. It is available in most hardware store plumbing departments for less than \$15.



This is a simple battery operated device which is about the size of a bar of bath soap. There are two contact points on the base of the device which sound a loud alarm when as little as 1/32" of water is present. This will not prevent water intrusion or leaks, but could alert you to leaks and help minimize damage. The device is small enough to place around sump pumps, near the water heater, washing machine, dishwasher or any other area which is prone to water leakage.

There is a heavy-duty wet vacuum (donated by a former resident) available for emergency use at the Clubhouse. Contact Carol or Donna for access.



CAR CARE

DAVE DAVIS

SOME AUTOMOTIVE MYTHS REVEALED

When it comes to cars, many drivers would admit their technical knowledge is lacking. In addition, technology is consistently changing, making it hard to separate fact from fiction. I have listed some common myths and misconceptions about vehicles.

MYTH #1: Higher octane fuel makes all cars run better. Fuels are rated according to how they prevent detonation in the engine. Higher-performance engines have higher compression ratios and are more prone to detonation; therefore they require high-octane fuel to prevent this. (Usually which fuel is

recommended is mentioned in your owner's manual which is the most *unread* book in the world.) Other engines have different compression rates and usually require a lower octane fuel. If you hear knocking or pinging, you might want to switch to a higher octane which should improve performance due to engine design. Otherwise, use regular/low octane fuel and save money.

MYTH #2: You must service your vehicle at your selling dealership or your warranty will be voided. It is illegal for dealerships to force service to be done at their dealership. However, if you have your scheduled maintenance done elsewhere, you must have a written record of the service if a problem occurs, or the manufacturer can turn down warranty work because they do not have the proof you had this work done when it was stated to be due.

MYTH #3: Idling uses less gas than restarting the engine. You get "0" miles per gallon while idling, and restarting a warm engine does not take more fuel than idling.

MYTH #4: Side mirrors are properly adjusted if you can see the side of your car from both mirrors. In fact, you should move them out just a bit more. This reduces the need to look over your shoulder to check for blind spots which forces you to take your eyes off the road.

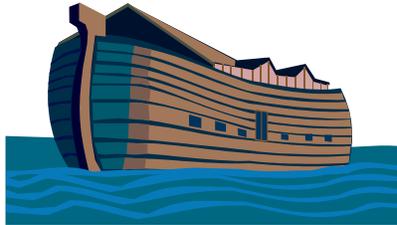
MYTH #5: Antilock breaking systems (ABS) were designed to create shorter stopping distance. Actually this was created to enable a driver to steer out of danger and not spin out in a hard-breaking situation. Shorter stopping distance might occur, but that's just a side effect of the system's design.



I hope this clears up some of the myths that are out there. Happy motoring.

INSURANCE GUIDELINES

FRED MERTHER



FLOOD INSURANCE

Generally the standard homeowner's insurance policy does not provide coverage for flooding, surface water that enters the home, or rising water. Many times people wonder if they should purchase flood insurance. The question they pose is what is covered, or in a word, what is the definition of a 'FLOOD'?

Here, in as brief a form as possible, is the definition of WHAT IS A FLOOD?? The definition below is as described by the National Flood Insurance Program:

"What is a Flood?" Flood insurance covers **direct** physical loss caused by "flood". In simple terms, A FLOOD IS AN EXCESS OF WATER ON LAND THAT IS NORMALLY DRY. Here's the official wording used by the National Flood Insurance Program:

A flood is "A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties (at least one of which is your property) from:

- ✓ Overflow of inland or tidal waters

- ✓ Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source
- ✓ Mudflow*, or
- ✓ Collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined above

*Mudflow" is defined as "A river of liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water.."

Flood insurance policies are available for any home located in a community that is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. They can be purchased through your insurance agent or company. You do not have to be located in a special flood hazard area or be close to a body of water to experience flooding. The risk of flood is present in many homes, as floods can be caused by storms, melting snow, heavy rains, dam failure or other causes.

Flood Insurance can be purchased for a building or personal property, or both.

It is important to review **what is not insured** under either Building or Personal Property coverage. Some examples of what is not covered are: carpeting, area carpets and other floor coverings such as tile, drywall for walls or ceilings, water and ceilings not made of drywall, most personal property such as clothing and electronic equipment, etc.

With Flood Insurance it is important to remember—because of the deductibles and restrictions in the policy—that this coverage is



designed for major losses, such as those experienced by homeowners recently impacted by "Hurricane Sandy".

In summary, a quick review would seem to be in order at this time as respects the Water Damage exclusions under the standard homeowner's policy, and how they might be addressed by additional coverage:

Standard Water Exclusion

Water Damage, meaning:

1. Flood, including but not limited to flash flood, surface water, waves, tides, tidal water, tidal waves, tsunami, seiche [an oscillation of the surface of a landlocked body of water (as a lake) that varies in period from a few minutes to several hours], high water, overflow of any body of water, or spray from any of these, whether or not driven by wind or the failure or overflow of any natural or man-made structure
2. Water which backs up through sewers or drains or which overflows from a sump; or
3. Water below the surface of the ground, including water which exerts pressure on or seeps or leaks through a building, sidewalk, driveway, foundation, swimming pool, or other structure.

Solutions for Some of the Above

1. Flood coverage as outlined in this article can be purchased.
2. An endorsement can be purchased in Maryland that provides coverage for "loss caused by water or water-borne material which: 1) backs up through sewers or drains; or 2) overflows or is discharged from a

a) sump pump; or b) related equipment: even if such overflow or discharge results from mechanical breakdown".

At this time, I am not aware of any coverage available for this exposure.

TECH TALK

STEVE READING



CELL PHONE vs. 'LANDLINE' HOME PHONE...AN OPPORTUNITY TO STREAMLINE PHONE ACCESS, OR ANOTHER TRIP DOWN A 'RABBIT HOLE'?

Alexander Graham Bell invented the first telephone in 1875. Bell Laboratories first introduced cell phone technology for police vehicles in 1947 and Motorola soon followed with an application of that technology to portable devices that could work outside of vehicles.

Thus, we essentially now have two major 'technologies' providing us voice communication: *home telephones, also known as landlines*, working via an extensive network of land cables; and *cell phones* operating through a network of satellites and cell phone towers. Cell phone users are not restricted to a particular location in order to



make calls or perform other tasks available on their devices. The use of home phones, or landlines, is restricted to the location in which the phone hooks up to the network of telephone lines.

Many people use both technologies: landline at home and cell phone on the road. A question arises as to cutting ties with your home phone provider and designating your cell phone as the sole source of your voice communication needs. One way to do this requires a Bluetooth-enabled (wireless technology that links electronic devices) cellular gateway (or similar product), and a regular RJ11 phone cable. (RJ—registered jack—is a standardized physical network interface.) By using one of these devices one can still use all their home phones and even keep them wired into their current phone jacks, while using a cell phone to receive and relay phone service to the home phones. It can be done in three steps:

Step 1: Disconnect the house wiring from the telephone company. Since this involves access to the Network Interface Device (NID), which is usually a gray box on the outside of the house containing the connection between the telephone company's wiring and the wiring for the house, one should obtain professional assistance.

Step 2: Set up the Bluetooth-enabled cellular gateway in an area of the house that receives a good cell-phone signal and that is also near an electrical outlet and a phone wall jack. Power up the gateway and plug it into the wall jack using regular RJ11 phone cable.

Step 3: Enable the cell phone's Bluetooth capability and set it near the gateway. Set the phone to recognize the gateway as a

Bluetooth device. Once the link is established, incoming and outgoing calls will automatically be relayed from the cell phone to the gateway, which in turn relays the signal to all the home phones plugged in wall jacks.

As a side note: a concern arises with respect to emergency assistance (i.e., calling 9-1-1) and a caller's location. The locations of all landlines are immediately identifiable to emergency dispatch centers, whereas cell phones are not tied to a single location. However, nearly all new cell phones sold in America have some GPS receiving capability built in; and the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Enhanced 911 (E911) program required ALL cell phones to transmit their phone number and location when dialing 911. Thus, a person in need of assistance can make a cell phone call from anywhere and the phone will transmit the phone's (and caller's) location to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) after dialing 911.

As another side note: no landlines were hurt in this article—theoretical information and information only, regarding one way of linking cell phones to landlines, was provided. Remember the difference between theory and the real world is, of course, the real world. So, if one is actually contemplating doing it a lot more, individual research and planning is required. But—it can be done.



**SAVE THE BAY
PAT
HARRINGTON**

**LIVE GREENER—TIPS FOR SAVING
ELECTRICITY**



- ❖ Clean your clothes dryer's lint filter. Reduce fire hazard, increase dryer efficiency, and save money.
- ❖ Apply weather stripping to doors and windows. Creating a tight seal will keep heat and air conditioning inside
- ❖ Upgrade your thermostat. Take control of the temperature with a programmable thermostat.
- ❖ Put on a sweater. Save money and energy by adding layers rather than turning up the heat.
- ❖ Unplug. 40% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while they're turned off.
- ❖ Turn off your screen saver. Save energy by turning off your monitor's power button when you step away from the computer.
- ❖ Use Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs. Better light using less energy.
- ❖ Turn off the lights. Make a habit of turning off the light every time you leave a room.
- ❖ Put outside lights on a timer. More reliable and will save energy.

And remember that warm weather is just around the corner.....

- ❖ Exercise outside! Gyms overload on A/C, and most training machines use electricity, too.



Garden Club

Greenbriar Garden Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 in the Snowden Overlook Clubhouse. Members of our Community are welcome to drop in and

we encourage you to consider becoming a member. We have an interesting program each month, take a garden tour at least once a year, participate in decorating Waverly Mansion at Christmas, and engage in charitable activities.

On May 17th Greenbriar Garden Club is sponsoring an Art Show at the Clubhouse. We are looking for artists living in Snowden Overlook to enter original artwork: paintings, charcoals, pastels, sculptures, pottery, etc. Members of the Garden Club will be interpreting some of the artwork in flowers. If you are interested, please contact Pearl Foy at 410.312.2755.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

Our representative: Dr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Council, District 2, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21045
cball@howardcountymd.gov

The 2013 session began January 9th and will last for 90 days.

Bills of interest:

- Renovate historic Belmont Property in Elkridge
- Dear hunting on private property
- Casino events (card games/roulette) in Howard County
- Alcoholic beverages @ Farmers' Market

MD State General Assembly Legislation: now in session, adjourning April 8th the following bills are sponsored by those outside Howard County delegation:

- Access to firearms



- Motor vehicles—use of wireless communication devices
- Increase number of early voting centers
- Primary election dates: altering date to be 1st Tuesday in June
- Election law—qualification of voters (proof of identity) {Ed. Note: As an election judge, your editor and many other judges PLUS voters believe a proof of identity should be mandatory on voting day}
- Election law—special elections, voting by mail
- Public schools—requirement for controlled access
- MD offshore Wind Energy Act



EXERCISE CLASSES

Snowden Overlook residents have several options for improving their health through exercise. Classes are led by Columbia Association instructors at the Clubhouse almost every day. At 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays there is a Combo Exercise Class that includes Pilates, Gold Zumba, and Piloxing. Cost is \$78 for each 6-week session. At 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, a Chair Exercise Class is available. Cost is \$30 for each 4-week session. If there is sufficient interest, a new Pilates Class will be added on Wednesdays at 9am (\$57 for each 4-wk session). Sign up at the Clubhouse for a free Pilates demonstration scheduled for Wed. March 6th at 9 am. Go to www.snowdenoverlook.com or contact Sharonlee Vogel at 410.992.1997.

In And Around Howard County...

Please remember the **April 1st Cherry Blossom cruise on the Potomac**, including a sit-down served lunch on the Odyssey cruise boat. You must call Eyre Bus Company at 401.442.1330 and ask for Cookie who is making a list of SO residents attending. Cost is \$89/pp, payable to Eyre when you call them (you can charge the fee); we will meet at 9 am SHARP (!) at Long Gate Park & Ride off Rt. 100, in Ellicott City where the bus will take us to D.C. We return at 3 pm. Deadline is the first week of March. Hurry to sign up (20+ have already paid) for this 2nd trip SO is making to see our beautiful cherry blossoms in Washington.

You should have received your Howard County Recreation and Parks booklet/schedule for the spring months. It is always jam-packed with terrific enjoyable and educational trips and tours. Check it out.



Closing Thought:

"If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right" (Mary Kay Ash)

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Blood Drive
(and Light Breakfast)
On Saturday, April 20, 2013
10 am to 3 p.m.

Join a special group of people by giving blood at Snowden Overlook's Blood Drive. A light breakfast will be available for donors. Participants will become part of a life-saving team - Snowden Overlook and the Red Cross.

Giving blood is easy, quick, and not uncomfortable at all! The need for all types of blood is constant - and each blood donation saves three lives.

For more information, go the Blood Drive Page at the Snowden Overlook website or contact Carol Hergenroeder or Sharonlee Vogel, Coordinator for the Blood Drive.

The only requirement for blood donors are that they be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Also, remember that there is a 60 day period between blood donations.

Please sign up at the Clubhouse as soon as practical. Red Cross requires that we have at least 40 donors.