



THE "OVERLOOK"

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"An independent Newsletter by and for the Residents of Snowden Overlook"

From your Editor...As I write this, our neighbors have ended another wonderful Happy Hour on the Clubhouse patio, enjoying spectacular early-fall weather. Can it possibly be that summer 2012 is but a memory? But no time to dwell on days past. During the fall season you will find a cornucopia of activities in and around Snowden Overlook and Howard County to interest all individuals. However, the most critical event will take place on Tuesday, November 6th: remember to partake in the United States' most precious privilege: **get out and vote!**



MASTER BOARD NEWS: "SOCA"

*Lou True, President...*We've had a fine pool season so far, and it won't be over until late September thanks both to the pool heater and the continuing efforts of our volunteer Certified Pool Operators. Many thanks to each of you.

The association has contracted with Carroll Awning to construct a canopy over the part of the patio leading from the exit doors of the banquet room to the corner of the sitting room. The canopy will be equipped with roll-down walls with windows for inclement weather. After installation, there are plans to equip it with fans and lights. We expect this to add space for larger Clubhouse activities through at least three seasons of the year.

The lines on Dried Earth Blvd. will soon be repainted. As part of this project, three disabled parking places will be added in front of the door to the fitness center. We will also add a pedestrian crosswalk connecting the two ramps on each side of Dried Earth Blvd. just beyond (outside) the guard house.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Donna Grau to the Clubhouse office staff. Please stop by and say hello if you haven't met her yet.

Clubhouse policies: The Clubhouse committee recently prepared, and the Board approved, a set of written Clubhouse policies concerning the following: Clubhouse rentals (including a revised rental agreement), the theatre, social activities and the monthly calendar, vehicle transponder/swipe card and pool passes, fitness center use, the flagpole, and condominium use of facilities. Some policies may be posted where appropriate. The written policies in their entirety are available for viewing in the office and on our website at www.SnowdenOverlook.com. These policies will be revisited periodically and revised as necessary. The bulk of the policies are intended to be internal guidance for the staff and do not represent substantive change; it is just an attempt to clarify and document existing policies in a single, convenient place. A few significant changes are included, however. These are: Fitness Center: Residents now have priority over guests in use of equipment. In addition, adult guests may use the fitness center without their resident host also being present. This is intended to apply principally to overnight guests. Theater: Due to the value and complexity of the equipment there, the theater will now be locked when the office is not open. Residents may still reserve the theatre



for after-office-hours use, and a key will be lent to allow entry. The key must be returned to the office. If you are unable to visit the office, please call Carol and we will try to accommodate you. Rentals: There are now three levels of rentals for the Clubhouse which is intended to create added flexibility:

1. Banquet room only, for \$75/hour. Other residents may continue to use the rest of the Clubhouse.
2. Clubhouse main floor, for \$400/4 hours. Other residents may continue to use the fitness center and bathrooms.
3. Clubhouse main floor, with exclusive use of the entire floor, for \$600/4 hours.

Tile repairs were recently completed to the area leading to the front doors and to the lobby of the Clubhouse.

You may have noticed that the main thermostats in the Clubhouse have been placed in locked, plastic cages. This was done to avoid extreme settings that have wasted money, created discomfort, and caused actual damage to the Clubhouse. The office staff has the keys to the cages and will attempt to accommodate special requirements.

We regret to report that Steve Reading has left the Clubhouse Committee. Many thanks for his contributions in the work of the committee. Ronnie True is our new chairperson.

A second automatic external defibrillator (AED) and emergency oxygen supply have been installed inside the pool-level meeting room next to the entrance from the pool. There is an "AED" sign above the door. The

other unit is in the craft room on the main floor of the Clubhouse.

The minutes of the SOCA board meetings are now available on the association's website at www.SnowdenOverlook.com.

Finally, thanks to all residents who submitted data forms to the office. This has allowed us to disable all 'swipe' cards for Clubhouse and pool access as well as vehicle transponders that have become lost over the years. This improves community security. In the near future after warning letters have been issued, the cards and transponders of residents or owners who are delinquent in their SOCA assessment payments will also be disabled, and all Clubhouse/pool privileges suspended, until their accounts become current.

MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY PRESIDENTS...

Kendall I, Bob Brady... Can you believe summer is over? I can't! It seems that it just started and now we prepare for what, hopefully, will be a quiet and snow-free winter.

We completed the three main projects started in the spring. The painting and caulking of all 78 units has been completed as has the painting of the rear stoops on all units in the inner ring. The rear deck project on the outer ring also has been finished, and because 21 of us participated, the price which was advertised at \$185 per unit, was reduced to \$170 per unit. Those 21 units each have received a check for \$15 from WPM.

Using the modified Reserve Study, the Board will consider what needs to be done for KO-I in 2013 and will begin the process of making it happen in the spring of that year. The



budget process for 2013 has commenced by Joanne LaPorte, and we will report on it later.

We hope everyone will have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy the fall colors, and participate with us in all the Clubhouse events throughout the rest of the year.

*Kendall II, Karen Paciarelli...*The summer is just about over; grandkids back to school. For the Kendall II Board, one of our top priorities is to work on next year's budget. We have our three estimates in for the painting of all white trim on our homes. The Board will review them, make its final decision, and plan a painting schedule beginning in 2013. The Board is also awaiting estimates from stone masons for repairing cracks in the buildings; Board decision forthcoming.

In 2008, an initial Reserve Study was prepared for Kendall II. Communities traditionally have an updated Reserve Study performed every five years. The Board has received a proposal to perform an updated Reserve Study; Board decision pending.

These are just a few of the many actions before the Board. We always welcome residents volunteering to work on a committee or help in any capacity. Please feel free to contact any Board member should you decide to volunteer to help.

*Villas I, Lou True...*The association recently completed a project to regrade and otherwise improve a storm water drainage swale that had allowed water to rise high enough to pour down the basement steps of a unit. We are hopeful that these improvements will prevent future flooding. Remember to check the bottoms of your

downspouts for signs of soil erosion to prevent water problems in your home.

A donated garden swing has been added to the square between Warm Waves and Secret Waves. Stop by and enjoy a swing.

Parking and traffic: recently the very limited visitor parking spaces in Villas I (only 46 for 76 homes) have been filling up with vehicles belonging to persons living in units. In response, the association has been putting warnings on such vehicles and asking residents to keep the visitor spots available for short-term visitors whose vehicles cannot fit onto our driveways. Any vehicles of persons living in your unit that do not fit into your garage or driveway may be parked on Dried Earth Blvd. Also, please note that our streets are narrow. As a result, street parking is prohibited as a safety measure and to ensure that emergency vehicles are not impeded. Finally, the posted speed limit within Villas I is 15 mph.

Painting: some of the homes in Villas I are now about seven years old and most are at least five years old. As a result, our homes are beginning to show a need for cleaning, recaulking, and painting of trim, foundation, walls, etc. The Board is therefore considering a contract for cleaning, painting and recaulking of all 76 units. This will be a costly undertaking, but must be addressed before long.

Dumping: I'm sorry to report that someone dumped a mattress and other trash in the trees near the Rt. 175 ramp to Snowden River Parkway. If you observe any such dumping or other acts of vandalism, please report it to our property manager or any Board member.



Ovation/Kendall III, Carole

*Liberman...*As always, summer went by very quickly, although it was incredibly hot. Let's hope for another mild winter!

Last month we had a lovely Grilling Party in our back parking lot. These events are always well-planned, well-attended, and totally enjoyable. We recently had a very successful Goodwill Drive in our back parking lot with lots of donations.

The exterior trim of the building was painted over the summer and looks great.

Thirty years ago, this part of Columbia was mostly undeveloped. To see the development that has taken place over the years is amazing. It is really wonderful to be surrounded by such good shopping choices and lovely restaurants of all types. One great new addition is the Maiwand Kabob restaurant across the street in the Target shopping center. It is a spacious sit-down restaurant. The ambiance is lovely, prices good and the food was absolutely delicious.

Well, now we have had Wegmans for more than two months. The store is a wonderful addition to our area of Columbia, even though it is a little overwhelming at first; to be honest, it is *very* overwhelming. However, the quality of the produce, meats, bakery, eatery, etc. is definitely worth the adventure.

Ovation is very pleased to welcome our new neighbors, Rosalie and Sidney Chernick, who moved in last month.

*Villas II, Jim Huesman...*Villas II held its General Meeting in June, where the residents elected Mark Bloom and Steve Cappello to a three-year term on the Board of

Directors. Immediately after the General Meeting, the Board elected their officers. They are:

President:	Jim Huesman
Vice President:	Mark Bloom
Treasurer:	Steve Cappello
Secretary:	Tom Roberts
Member at Large:	Shirley Freto

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the residents of Villas II, we thank Shirley Freto for her leadership and tireless devotion to the betterment of our community. She was our first president and has set the standard for all who follow. "Thank you" hardly seems adequate for such devotion.

The Board has been discussing the implementation of a Villas II parking policy. Under the chairmanship of Norm Goldstein and the Advisory Committee, procedures for enforcement were established and submitted to the Board for approval. They were approved on July 24, 2012, and became effective the same date. Copies of the procedures will be sent to all of our residents. The Board extends its sincere thanks to Norm and his committee for a job well done. Also, since Norm is leaving the Advisory Committee, we thank him for his contributions. He will be missed.

Villas II is starting to develop its budget for 2013. This is a good time to see where we have been, where we are, and where we would like to go. We also will take a look at our committees, and develop a plan to get more residents involved. At present we have the following Committees: Welcome, Advisory, and Landscape/Architectural. The Board is very grateful to our committee leaders and members. A special 'thank you' goes out to Peggy Coaxum (Welcome Committee), and Marjorie Swyers



(Architectural/Landscape Committee). Although it is not an official committee, a sincere ‘thank you’ goes out to everyone who has been involved in organizing the pot luck dinners, which have been an ongoing tradition in our community well before we were built out. They have been a wonderful event that builds the true sense of community.

Summer is fading and before we know it, we will be hoping for another mild winter. Now that—for the most part—vacations are over and most of us are back to a normal routine, why not become more involved in your Condominium Association? A few hours a month will reap rewards for you and your community. We invite everyone to get involved. We also would like to hear from you. Let us know how we are doing. See you at our work sessions and Board meetings. Be well.



WEBSITE

Michael
Goldblatt

Remember to visit our community website, www.SnowdenOverlook.com for information about weekly activities and special events.

FYI: There is now a service the DMV offers that allows drivers to register names/phones of up to three persons to contact in case of emergency. Another alternative for smartphone users is an App that displays emergency contact information on the phone’s lock screen (e.g. “ICE” for users of Android phones, and “Emergency Aid” for users of iPhones). It also helps to use the low-tech solution of *writing name/phone*

number for emergency contact on back of driver’s license. For more information go to the MVA website.

Dishwasher Recall: go to the following link: www.geappliances.com/products/recall/dishwasher_2012. They were manufactured from 2006 to 2008. The link has a tool that enables consumers to check whether their dishwasher was included in the recall. Many of us moved to S.O. during those three years. Kendall I is not involved, unless residents replaced their original dishwashers.

[Ed. Note: Michael is one of the super resources we at S.O. have for all sorts of information to insure the safety of our homes and our lives. Use his valuable tool: our S.O. website which he created.]

Clubhouse News

*Ronnie True, Chairperson...*A resident asked: “What does the Clubhouse committee do?” Our answer is all about the Rs: We are a Resource for the SOCA Board. As such we Research, Recommend, Report, Revise and Request. This summer we researched types of awnings and recommended a canopy and a company for our Clubhouse patio area. At SOCA’s request, we revised the Clubhouse rental agreement and various Clubhouse policy statements which the SOCA Board has now approved. Included were repairs and painting for the Clubhouse and guard house. Requests were made and SOCA Board approval was attained for poker table tops and Mah Jongg sets, a blue-ray player for the theater, and bookcases for the craft room. Coming soon: new flooring and fan for the



office. A new project is a cleaning and maintenance schedule for the Clubhouse.

Besides 'our gal Carol' in our Clubhouse Office, we have a representative from each of our condos on our committee:

- Chairperson: Ronni True
- Kendall I: Pat Harrington
- Kendall II: Claudia Jaffa
- Ovation/Kendall III: Judy Medwid
- Villas I: Pearl Foy
- Villas II: Zeli Castella

Please give us your suggestions, observations and ideas for your Clubhouse.



SECURITY CORNER
Jeff Medwid

I'm sure you all have noticed that the original black swing entrance gates are now fixed and operating regularly. Unfortunately, the electronics that operate those gates are antiques in light of new technology and will need to be replaced in the near future.

The Security Committee has recommended that the current black traditional gates be replaced with new arm gates. The basic design would be to leave the current gates in place, for both aesthetic value and possible back-up, and then install the new arm gates between the guard house and the current black swing gates.

There are several options as to how to utilize these new gates. The first option is to operate under the same conditions as we have now during only night hours with the security guards on duty. Secondly, possibly

operate the gates 24/7, with security guards 24/7, which would be the most expensive option. A third option would be to operate the new arm gates 24/7 without security guards on site, however, using some kind of monitored security service. A fourth option would be to operate the new arm gates only at night with a monitored security system.

SOCA, the Security Committee, and our management company are in the process of getting multiple bids on all options. Quotes have been much higher than originally expected, so we need to aggressively seek additional quotes. We plan to have intense meetings in the next month to propose the best possible option. considering cost and the long-term safety of the community.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Karen Paciarelli

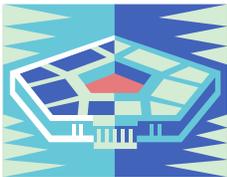
This summer has been filled with Grillin' & Chillin', Happy Hours, and marvelous musical entertainment at the Clubhouse. This will continue but moved inside as the weather gets cooler.

We resumed our monthly 7 p.m. concerts in the living room, with September 9th being the first of the fall season, with the beautiful voice of Joy Greene, a classically trained soprano with her accompanist. At these events, doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for seating, and the shows will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Dessert and beverages will be available. Remember to please sign up at the Clubhouse, making checks payable to SOCA to ensure your reservation.



In October we will have our annual **Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27th**. "Love Story" will join us again with their great musical show.

Look for the new posters each month in the Clubhouse lobby for upcoming events.



RETIRED MILITARY
CLUB
Bob Brady

It was an honor and privilege for the Retired Military Club to pursue a flagpole in front of our Clubhouse in 2011 and conduct a flag raising ceremony on 11 November 2011. The flag used then, and the one currently flying is typically referred to as a casket flag. It is 5 feet by 9 ½ feet. Both of our flags were donated. In the future when we purchase flags, they will be 5 feet by 8 feet which is the normal size for the height of our flagpole. Our flag has lights upon it during darkness, enabling us to fly the flag 24 hours a day.

Recently we have been asked why our flag was not at half-staff when flags at the post office were. There are several days of the year when the flag will be at half-staff because of long-standing Congressional action, such as 11 September 2012. There are other times when the President makes a proclamation, and the question becomes: "does it affect *our* flag?" It depends on what our Clubhouse is considered: if it is a public building, we are definitely affected. If it is a private building, we are not affected. It has now been decided that we will participate in Presidential proclamations until our Master Board decides whether we are public or private.

The website we use is www.FlagandBanner.com and we have signed up for e-mail alerts. Hopefully, this explains what we do and how we react to alerts regarding our flag.

It is with absolute pleasure and pride to see our flag flying each time we enter Snowden Overlook; we hope you feel the same way.

Note: the next meeting of the Retired Military Club will be at 7 p.m. Monday, October 8th at the Clubhouse. We invite all residents who are retired military to join us.

Insurance Guidelines

...Fred Merther

[Ed. Note: Fred wrote the following article in our June 2009 issue; it warrants reissuing due to its content.]

The following lists include what to do in case of an automobile accident or damage to your house or personal property:

AUTO

- STOP! Do not leave the scene
- Notify the police
- Cooperate with authorities
- **Do not** admit fault
- Guard your property from further damage
- Secure all necessary information
- Notify the insurance company or your agent immediately

HOMEOWNERS

- ✓ Call the Fire Department or police authorities
- ✓ Do whatever is necessary to protect your property from further loss



- ✓ Make an inventory of damaged or missing personal property
- ✓ Notify the insurance company or your agent immediately



CAR CARE

Dave Davis

A few of our readers have asked about **pre-owned auto buying**. I hope this following tips help. Pre-owned buying can be a smart financial bet. Many look to the used car lots when shopping for pre-owned vehicles. The allure of a lower price is what drives some consumers to purchase used vehicle, and considering them can be a smart decision in that many available are only a few years old.

With the widespread availability of leases, many pre-owned vehicles are lease turn-ins that are only two or three years old and average less than 12,000 miles a year, so mileage is low and maybe some of the manufacturers' warranties may be left on the auto you are looking at.

Used-car pricing almost always will be lower than a vehicle off the new car lot. New cars depreciate as soon as you drive them off the lot, regardless of how good a deal you received; therefore, when buying a pre-owned car, you are getting the benefit of someone else taking the depreciation hit. Certified vehicles can be a safer investment, primarily because of the service history being available and condition verifiable.

Buying from a private owner is riskier, as they do not have to guarantee anything: "as is" is what you get.

Buying used is also a 'green' investment. While a brand-new hybrid may certainly save on fuel use, the energy used to produce/build that vehicle can be considerable. Purchasing a used vehicle means less demand for a new one to be built.

Another advantage could be your insurance premium. To insure a car you just paid \$70,000 for vs. a vehicle you just paid \$30,000 for will result in a lower premium for the used car. The insurance company has less to lose in replacing it should the car be totaled.

People looking to save money on their next car purchase should consider pre-owned vehicles as a viable option. Hope this helps.

Household Hints

...Ray Hurst

"Garbage Disposal and Maintenance"

A garbage disposal was installed in the kitchens in all of our homes. Some people prefer not to use it, but it should be run every once in awhile to prevent buildup of food or waste particles. If not operated occasionally, it will eventually freeze up. If the disposal doesn't even hum when turned on, you may be able to fix it yourself. First, turn off the switch, then look under the sink and locate a small—usually red—button on the bottom of the unit. This is the electrical reset button. Push the button to reset the thermal overload. Switch the unit on. If the unit now hums but does not run, turn it off immediately. You have a jam in the disposal that needs to be cleared.



Check under the sink for a small L-shaped service wrench that looks like an Allen wrench with a bend on each end. It may be in a small plastic pouch stapled to the side of the cabinet or in a cabinet drawer. At the end of this tool is a hex wrench that fits into a hole you'll find in the center bottom of the disposal. Work the wrench back and forth until the unit moves freely for several revolutions. As you move the wrench, you are moving the shaft of the disposal and freeing the grinders. If you can't find the service wrench in your sink cabinet, you can buy one at any hardware store.

Now look into the disposal from above with a flashlight. Check for any foreign objects. Remove them with tongs. Run water and start the unit.

To dislodge grease and debris from the grinders, you can slowly pour several cups of ice into the disposal while running cold water. To help eliminate odors, occasionally add citrus peels such as oranges or lemons and run the disposal.



BAYWISE
Pat Harrington

[Ed. Note: Pat has two announcements of interest for this issue.]

University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources: Open House Saturday, October 6th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center, 240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD.

It is free and open to the public, a great event for families and children, and is being held at the farm. See the horses, cows, calves and turtles; participate in birdwatching; see the beautiful butterflies; watch chicks hatch out of their eggs; check out the backyard poultry; take a hay wagon farm tour; visit educational and interactive displays and exhibits on everything from nutrition to rural enterprise development; purchase some food from one of the student organization food tents; talk with an AGNR representative; and...

Get your plant questions answered by a **Master Gardener!**

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GREENBRIAR GARDEN CLUB: meets in our Clubhouse every 4th Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. We would love to have you join us. Meet new friends and enjoy our monthly informative programs.

On October 30th we are having our annual fundraising auction. There are always many great items to bid on including delicious baked goods. You also can bring friends from outside Snowden Overlook.

TECH TALK ...Steve Reading



“On a Clear Day You Can’t See Forever...Or How Far Away is the Edge of the World?”

Over the summer, while at the beach in Ocean City, I overheard a father telling his



daughter that if she looked hard enough out over the ocean, she might see France. Obviously, geography was not the father's best subject—everyone knows that you'd see Portugal! But that got me thinking just how far is the "horizon"?

Of course, there is a formula for figuring that out. It is derived from the Pythagorean theorem. Reach back into the dim, dusty memory of high school. Remember, it was on the test: the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides; $(a^2 + b^2 = c^2)$.

The horizon formula is based on a triangle formed by your observation point (your eyes), the true horizon point (what you're looking at) and the center of the Earth. By knowing the radius (R) of the Earth and measuring your height of eye (h), that leaves only the distance (d) between your eyes and the horizon as unknown.

So one side is 'd', the other is 'R' and the hypotenuse is the Earth's radius plus your height above the surface, R+h. This gives us the following algebraic formula:

$$d^2 + R^2 = (R + h)^2$$

Fortunately, someone did the heavy math and came up with a simpler equation. It's simple, really. If you want to know the distance to the horizon, you simply have to know the height of your eye from the ground. Once you know this height, you simply plug it into the following formula:

1.17 times the square root of the height of your eye from the ground = distance to the horizon in nautical miles

In the above father-daughter example: if the daughter were 4 ft. 6 inches tall, the horizon

would be about 2 ½ miles. If they are standing on the balcony of the tenth floor of their condo (about 100 ft. high), then they can see about 12 miles. I leave it to you, readers, to figure out how high the building needs to be to see Europe (the answer: 3.2 million feet!). You do know these equations don't take into account the curvature of the earth or atmospheric refraction.



CRAFT CORNER

Sheila Wolf

We have had a variety of crafts this year: food carving, cooking, woodworking, knitting, flower arranging to name a few. This month we had glass etching, and on October 24th we will learn how to make a matching pen and note paper set. We also are planning painting techniques and how to build a terrarium.

Watch the calendar and the front desk at the Clubhouse. Then sign up for the craft of the month. We usually meet on Wednesday mornings; however, we have had a couple of classes in the evening. If you have any suggestions, or especially if you can lead a craft, please contact Sheila Wolf, stshwolf@ieee.org or call 410.290.1006.

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

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



County Council Meeting: Bancker Room of George Howard Bldg., 3430 Courthouse Dr., Ellicott City, MD, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.; legislative public hearing

Dr. Ball notes that on the ballot of the 2012 election in November, there are questions under consideration for only Howard County residents. To get more information, go to

www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2012/ballot_question_language.html#how

[Note: the above website name has an 'underline' symbol between 'ballot' and 'question', and 'question' and 'language']



With spectacular, crisp, sunny fall weather we now have and will be experiencing for the next several weeks, it is a *MUST* to get out and walk around the beautiful lakes here in Columbia. Lake Elkhorn, Wilde Lake, Lake Kittamaquidi and of course, Centennial Lake are wonderful venues for a brisk walk, or leisurely stroll.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Once more, it's time for the fabulous, not-to-be-missed **50+ EXPO** on Friday, October 19th from 9 am to 3 pm at Wild Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia. Everything imaginable of interest to the 50+ population in Howard County will be there. Over 140 vendors will present their companies, and you will receive numerous free hand-outs, from a medical kit for your purse to pens, pencils, pads, etc. At the door you will receive a large cloth bag in which to put your 'goodies' that can also be used to carry your groceries later on.

The big draw each year has been the incomparable "Capital Steps", a comedy group that is known all over the U.S. with their travel troupe with parodies of every current political person on Capitol Hill. Their skits are presented via popular music with a twist: the original lyrics are replaced by the Steps own original lines which will keep you laughing even after the show ends. The two shows are at noon and 2 pm but you must arrive early to get in line for your ticket. Suggestion: carpool, and wear comfortable shoes—there is a lot of walking. Refreshments are available in the café (school cafeteria).

Also, check the Columbia Orchestra's website for an evening/afternoon of lovely varied musical presentations.

www.ColumbiaOrchestra.org

To get a complete listing of every possible type of entertainment and cultural event, go to www.ColumbiaAssociation.org They list all the 'happenings' in Columbia for your enjoyment.

Finally: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH IS ELECTION DAY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.** There is absolutely no excuse for any American citizen of voting age to stay home and not participate in this right and responsibility; or vote absentee if necessary.

Closing Thought: 

"Do what you can with what you have, where you are." (Theodore Roosevelt)

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the Editor.]