



THE "OVERLOOK"

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

From your Editor: As a born and bred Connecticut Yankee, I state that many believe we are entering our favorite time of the year: fall is on the horizon. I fondly recall the majestic oak and elm trees 'putting on' a spectacular show each fall; the weather will soon turn crisp and we will resume our normal lives after hopefully spending a marvelous summer with friends and family. There are a multitude of goings-on in Howard County this time of year, so you might want to keep this newsletter handy for the next few months to select events you will not want to miss....



MASTER BOARD NEWS

Lou True, President, SOCA... We are saddened to report that Janet Henry has announced her resignation from the SOCA Board of Directors. Janet was one of the original members of the Board and served as its first president. Her energy and wise counsel will be sorely missed. Thank you, Janet, for your many efforts on behalf of our community. The Kendall I Board of Directors elected Bob Brady as Janet's replacement for the remaining two years of her term. Bob is currently the president of the Kendall I Board, and is expected to be certified at the SOCA annual meeting scheduled for September 23rd. At the same meeting, Karen Paciarelli will be certified as Kendall II's choice to serve a new 3-year term.

We were also saddened to learn that Donna Grau, our clubhouse office assistant, has

resigned. Her last day is September 13. We will miss Donna's competence and friendly manner, and wish her the very best in her future career.

MISSING IN ACTION—An important and 'sophisticated device' has disappeared from the clubhouse: the "Acme 3000 Simulated Natural Avian Countermeasure Entity, i.e., SNAKE, which to the untrained eye may resemble a rubber rattler, had been tirelessly discouraging birds from roosting under the new awning for several weeks before its sudden disappearance. 'Fowl play' is suspected. The device is the private property of a generous resident and was on loan to the clubhouse. It may be returned on a no-questions-asked basis.

The use of the clubhouse continues to grow. That is a good thing. Sometimes, however, it leaves us pressed for space on the main floor. As a result, those arranging small meetings such as board work sessions may wish to use the meeting room on the pool level. A conference table and several chairs have been placed there for that purpose. Additional folding chairs are available in the furnace room on the pool level if required.

While pool season is almost over, please note that we still offer alternative access to the pool level for persons with disabilities—using the driveway and gate. See the office staff for the combination to the cable lock on the gate.

Please be alert for people going door-to-door claiming that unit owners owe the state of Maryland BGE money. Police were called when such people appeared in Villas I— which was the correct thing to do.



The new clubhouse awning has been installed and already has proved useful during rainy events. Six overhead fans with lights also have been installed to further enhance this new addition. The exterior repainting of the clubhouse has been completed.

A downspout drain line near the gym entrance to the clubhouse has been buried to empty directly onto Dried Earth Blvd. This is intended to reduce the likelihood of ice forming on the concrete walks in cold weather.

The Board is considering proposals for major renovations to the clubhouse that may include relocation of the gym to the pool level. This could provide much needed additional space both for the gym and for storage and other-use areas on the main level. These proposals will be discussed at future board meetings.

NIGHT SECURITY: You should recently have received a letter explaining new procedures for our night security guards and a **NEW PASS CODE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**. Among the guard's duties is the new responsibility to record and report vehicles that 'tailgate' into the property through the gates close behind another vehicle. Our observations suggest that the majority of these tailgaters are residents who do not wish to wait for the gate to close and reopen. Tailgating is prohibited because it jeopardizes both the security of the neighborhood and vehicles. (Note that any damage to a vehicle from a closing gate, and any necessary gate repairs will be the driver's responsibility.) Please wait until the gate closes after the car ahead of you before attempting to enter the property.

Finally, a few tips on navigating the gates:

1. The antenna that reads the vehicle pass is mounted on the white pole on the left, before the gates. It does no good to pull a vehicle up close to the gate itself, beyond the antenna. While the resident lane is on the right as you approach the guard house, it is helpful to move your vehicle to the left or at least to the center after passing the guard house. This places the vehicle and gate pass closer to the antenna.
2. When using the key pad to enter the pass code or to call a resident, it is useful to remember to pull close to the keypad on the left and press each key firmly. Also recall that the current—and all future—pass codes begin with the # symbol (pound sign).
3. If there are visitors to your unit whom you wish to be admitted at any time, you may list them with the office. Our guards will admit them after checking their ID. However, if necessary, you may also provide such visitors with the current pass code.

Some residents have turned in gate stickers or cards that seemed not to work. After testing, those found to be defective are returned to the manufacturer for a refund or replacement. If any of your gate passes do not work at all, please take them to the office for a replacement.

MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY PRESIDENTS...

Kendall I, Bob Brady... Hard to believe that summer is over and we are heading into fall. On a maintenance note, when was the last time you had your dryer vent cleaned? I would venture to say that the



majority of us have *never* done it, and S.O. is over eight years old as a community. Have you noticed the clothes dryer takes longer to be effective? It is telling you to **CLEAN YOUR DRYER VENTS!**

SOCA and Kendall I have agreed on the amount of money owed SOCA, and that amount has been paid in full per the auditor's statement. Excess money has been set aside in a contingency fund for future use (BLIZZARD??) and a second CD has been established for our Reserve Account. All of our money is secured in FDIC insured accounts.

The Board of Kendall I has been active this summer maintaining the common areas of the community and in some instances doing things that have *never* been done before. However, all that requires money and although we have kept within budget, we are slowly getting to the point where our current Kendall I dues assessment will not be sufficient for the future. Our Reserve Study will be updated in the next few months and give us a good idea what we need for the future.

Janet Henry has resigned from the SOCA Board as our representative. We appreciate all she has done for us and for the SOCA Board. On Wednesday 11 September, 2013, the Kendall I Board appointed Bob Brady to complete her remaining two years on the SOCA Board.

Have a great fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who participate in our meetings and on our Board committees. It is your interest that keeps us all going.

Kendall II, Karen Paciarelli...

Thank you to our Kendall II residents who worked to clean up and beautify their yards and the community. We had an eventful summer with painting of trim on the units and decks. Landscaping is in full force. This fall we will embark on a big undertaking to improve the common area between the backyards of homes in Kendall II. This will be a phased-in-project with positive results we can all enjoy.

Keeping Kendall II residents informed, the Board is distributing documents that identify the responsibilities of SOCA, Kendall II Association, and that of the Kendall II residents. Full documents can be found at our Snowden website, www.snowdenoverlook.com/Kendall_2.html

Lastly, we were visited by a possible *EIGHT-FOOT SNAKE* this summer. The skin was found and a snake was seen; at this point it has been determined to be an Eastern King snake and has happily departed Snowden Overlook.

*Villas I, Lou True...*The exterior painting project is now complete. The Board currently plans to budget for such painting every 7 years. During the painting we attempted to reduce the problem of bird roosting in or on our units by sealing up many openings. If birds continue to roost, please report that to WP&M.

Several units have experienced leaking gas lines between the gas meter and the home, possibly due to corrosion of the pipes. Maintenance of such pipes is a unit owner responsibility. We therefore recommend that unit owners paint these pipes to retard the formation of rust and possibly help prevent



leaks. Natural gas has a distinctive odor, so you can do a 'sniff test' every couple of months.

Villas I is seeking volunteers for our committees, including Architectural, Landscaping, Maintenance, and Social. We also need chairpersons for these committees. Our previous requests for volunteers have produced results that were welcome, but modest.

Don't forget to keep your basement areaways free of leaves or other debris that might block the drain at the bottom of the steps. Such a blockage could result in flooding under your basement door.

Before the fall and winter rains arrive, please inspect your downspouts and the soil around them. If necessary we recommend extensions to carry water further away from the house and help prevent soil erosion. Any erosion holes there or around basement stair pads or elsewhere should be filled.

Finally, it is a good idea to shut off outside water spigots before cold weather arrives. Shut-off valves are usually located near the basement furnace.

Ovation (Kendall III), Carole Liberman... Well, we were lucky this summer did not have too many days in the nineties and higher. As summers go, this one was pretty good temperature-wise. However, we can only hope that the predictions for a 'wet and cold' winter do not come true.

Ovation recently held a 'grilling party' at the clubhouse under the excellent new awning on the upper patio. It's a good thing, too, as the event started out with a deluge of rain and

then cleared up nicely. As usual, our cooks did a great job and the food was delicious, and the socializing was great.

We will be having our third 'progressive dinner' this winter. This event is always well attended and is a totally fun evening. Last year we were fortunate enough to have a sing-a-long with Don Harding (affectionately known as the "Ovation Piano Man") at the piano. Singing, dancing and a bit of hilarity ensued, and it was delightful.

A very big thanks to the folks who organized the 'grandkids day' at the pool. It was another day that started out rainy and ended up lovely. My grandkids and many, many others really enjoyed this event; very yummy hot dogs indeed. The rain at the beginning did not seem to deter many from attending. All the kids had a great time.

Ovation has recently formed "The Ovation Outreach Committee", chaired by Helen Nuttall, to do community volunteer/charity projects.

Villas II, Mark

Bloom... Welcome to three new members of our committees: Ken Beerbohm and Muhammad Alvi on the Landscaping/Architectural Committee, and Pete Gratton on our Advisory Committee. Also, welcome to our new residents, Jim and Laurie McClain, Cody and Joanne Collins and Paul Jones.

The Board is currently working on the 2014 Budget; our snow removal contract is in place; we are scheduled for the next gutter cleaning around the end of November; and the water line leak on Vast Rose has been repaired by the county.



After receiving many inputs from many additional residents, the Board is redoing the birdfeeder guidelines, and you will shortly be receiving information on the new policy. Basically, bird feeders will be allowed on your own property, not common areas, provided you keep the surrounding area sanitary, if there are no valid complaints from neighbors and the Board decides there are no health issues involved.

I would also like to repeat the information about checking your sump pumps. A couple have failed due to debris left in the sump hole. It would be a good idea to make sure the hole is clean and also check the operation of your main backup pump. It is also probably a good idea to pick up a \$10 water detector (I bought mine at Home Depot) to place beside the hole.

We have just changed our working session meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Thursday at 7PM. The Board meetings are still the fourth Tuesday of the month. We look forward to your participation to keep you up to date on what's going on in the community, and remember to check out the Villas II and SOCA websites.



WEBSITE
Michael Goldblatt

Attached is a list of some of the more popular pages at our community website, www.SnowdenOverlook.com. The website has been available to residents since August 2010. It's a great place to find out what's happening and also to communicate with other residents. For more information about the website, attend one of the 1-hour

sessions of Snowden's Website Workshop scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd. Two repeat sessions are scheduled on that day—a morning session at 10 am and an evening one at 7 pm. Join your neighbors at the Workshop to learn about the popular web pages and tools, including the pages listed below.

- Contacts: <http://snowdenoverlook.com/Contgact.html>
- Discussion: <http://snowdenoverlook.com'Google.html>
- Future events: <http://snowdenoverlook.com/Future.html>
- Resources: <http://snowdenoverlook.com/Resources.html>
- RSVP: <http://snowdenoverlook.com/RSVP.html>
- Subscribe: <http://snowdenoverlook.com/Subscribe.html>

Other pages/headings include: Policy, Gym, Room Rental, Social, Transponder.

To review: our community website is an up-to-date source for information about activities and meetings held in the Snowden Overlook Clubhouse. The front page of the website contains a schedule of Clubhouse events and meetings scheduled for the current month and future events. The customary starting time for events can vary, but it is usually 5:30 pm for Happy Hours, 6 pm for Potluck Dinners, and 7 pm (7:30 pm in summer) for Concerts. Visit the Social Committee page for information about event planning or to volunteer to help with an event. For questions or suggestions use the Contact Page to email the Clubhouse staff or webmaster. [Ed. Note: Michael has created for our community a top-notch, professional website which has extremely enhanced communication and information within the



community. USE IT!!]

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

....Ronnie True

We are so pleased to see everyone using the upper deck during our events. The awning has made a big difference in usable space—plus we now have fans with lights! This area is yours to enjoy with family and friends even when SOCA doesn't have an event planned. So drop by, have a cup of coffee, read the paper or picnic under the awning. Just remember, please clean up! BTW: the plastic snake will keep birds from nesting under the awning eave (we hope).

Recently this committee presented to the SOCA Board revisions for the use of this area and the Clubhouse in general, as well as additional SOCA Social Activity policies. The SOCA Board approved these policies at the August 26th meeting. SOCA policies can be found on our website:

www.snowdenoverlook.com and in a binder in the office. Carol will be happy to give copies to anyone. These policies help insure an equal treatment for all our residents and they state your rights and obligations in using the Clubhouse facilities. A summary of changes that may affect a resident follows, but please see the FULL documents online or at the office.

SOCA Social Activity Policy Changes:

1. Our guest policy has been clarified for single unit owners, ex-owners of units, and owners of rental units. (See policy) In addition, guests under the age of 19 may NOT attend SOCA events unless the event is specified as such. Also, a resident of a unit with 2

or more residents may NOT bring a guest when another resident of that unit is unable to attend a SOCA event.

2. Only Snowden Overlook residents may attend and pay for activities that require a fee, such as water aerobics, etc.
3. SOCA residents may not pay at the door with cash on the day of an event.

SOCA Clubhouse Rental Policy Changes

1. A weekday rental is not encouraged and is subject to availability due to high use of the Clubhouse. During the weekdays, only the ballroom is available for rent on an hourly basis. The craft/meeting room is not available.
2. Residents may bring family/guests with them to the Clubhouse and enjoy the living room, ballroom and the upstairs deck area without a rental fee when these areas are not in use by a SOCA activity or rental.

SOCA Pass Policy Change

No resident may have more than one activated swipe card.

FUN IN THE SUN: Snowden residents and guest had a great time on Pool Game Day. In addition to playing Ping-Pong, we added a net for badminton in the area by the gate. We are leaving this up for the rest of the summer; four rackets and birdies are there for play. Be sure to wear sneakers. 'Wearing flip flops' was the excuse made by a few residents for their less-than-stellar performance. Water games were next. The kids loved racing on the noodles across the pool. We would have loved to see the adults try this! Then came pool volleyball. We had adults and kids playing together—lots of laughs. Maybe next



season we can have an adult only game in the evening. We will certainly schedule more pool game days.

More fun: We are again going to try an all-downhill bike ride from Frostburg to Cumberland. Ride the scenic train up the mountain—ride the bike down. For non-bikers the train goes both ways. Look for a notice and sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.



MILITARY-GOV.
CLUB
Bob Brady

Our group met on 19 June at the Clubhouse, mainly to gather the names and email address so we can begin to communicate. We now have 15 members and met again on 12 September at the Clubhouse for a discussion and idea session.

I will let you know what has transpired in the next issue of "The Overlook".

FITNESS CENTER

Linda Bloom



The gym committee is pleased to announce that a new recumbent bike is now available for all to use in the gym. It is a step-through model so it is easy to navigate when getting on and off. It also has movable arms so the user can get a full body workout. I have received quite a bit of positive feedback from residents who have used it.

Our preventive maintenance company is due back in October for our quarterly service. I think we should all be very proud of how our gym looks and feels. It is a place where residents can get a great workout as well as being a place to socialize with our neighbors. Please remember to continue to keep our gym clean and sanitary by wiping off the equipment before and after every use, with the sanitary wipes. Also, I would like to remind you that if you are the last person to leave the gym, please turn off the lights, fans and the television.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Karen Paciarelli

The SOCA Social Committee has offered many fun and exciting events this summer. We hope many of you had an opportunity to attend and enjoy them. Carol's monthly Happy Hours have proved to be the most-attended events we put on. There were well over 100 residents at our August Happy Hour. Thanks to everyone for your contributions of salads, vegetables and desserts. We will continue our Grillin' & Chillin' Happy Hours as long as the weather allows, hopefully through October. After that, we will move back inside and save the grilling 'til next spring.

Our August Grandkids Day was super fun for over 90 people attending. The kids and grandparents enjoyed the hot dogs, chips, popsicles and cookies. Thanks to all who helped at this event.

A special thank you to Rob Caton and Ray Hurst for arranging and setting up our Outside Movie Nights this summer. Reminds me of



sitting in Little Italy at their outside summer movies.

This month we will be starting up the “Coffee with Carol” event monthly at 10 am; check calendars for exact dates. We have scheduled guest speakers for September, October and November. Also this month, we will celebrate the SOCA anniversary with a Potluck Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 29th—join us for a piece of anniversary cake.

And finally, just a ‘heads-up’ on future events:
Oct. 26th—Halloween Mystery Murder Dinner
Nov. 23rd—SOCA Thanksgiving dinner

The Social Committee is diligently working on a magnificent New Year’s Eve celebration. Continue to look for posters, calendars, and check on the website for all details. Remember to sign up in the Clubhouse or RSVP on line at www.snowdenoverlook.com



CAR CARE

Dave Davis

AUTO MAINTENANCE: Here I go, back on the auto maintenance band wagon. It is just that important for safe and efficient driving. For full efficiency, make sure your tires are properly inflated. Correct air pressure in all tires, have all fluids checked, and belts and hoses replaced. Use the correct octane fuel in your car. Again, owner’s manuals will tell you what your car needs. If it calls for 87 octane, DON’T use 93 octane; and if it call for 93, DON’T use 87. Your engine is designed to run on the correct fuel. Keep all sheet metal clean and waxed—it won’t help fuel

efficiency but will help your vehicle last longer.

Smarter driving can go a long way to stretch your budget while helping to protect your vehicle. To find out more about the ‘Shell Smarter Driving Program’ or to test your smarter driving I.Q., visit www.SHELL.US/SMARTDRIVING.; There are loads of great info there. Enjoy your fall and any fall trips you have planned.



INSURANCE GUIDELINES
Fred Merther

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE CHECKLIST
Here are a few tips to control your home insurance premiums and to upgrade your coverage.

- **Update any of the information on your policy declaration page.** Has your mortgage been paid off, the address changed, or have you added a second mortgage?
- **Report any new burglar or fire alarms, new additions, or alterations to your home in the last year.** You may be eligible for a protective device credit. You may also need to update your policy to adequately insure your home improvements.
- **Protect yourself against identity fraud.** Many companies offer an endorsement that will help protect you against identity fraud.
- **Notify your insurer of valuable purchases within the past year such as:** jewelry, a computer, or big screen television. These new items may not



be adequately insured. Let your insurer know so that they can help you make an informed decision.

- **Evaluate your liability insurance coverage.** Did you know that increasing your included-liability limit or purchasing umbrella liability coverage to protect your growing assets could be relatively inexpensive?
- **Consider increasing your deductible.** A higher deductible can reduce your premium, saving you a significant amount of money over the years.

marked with arrows showing the direction of the air flow toward the furnace. Changing the air filters will help save money on fuel and prolong furnace life.

TECH TALK
Steve Reading



FREON OR PURON: WHAT'S IN YOUR AIR CONDITIONER?

The inspiration for this article was a recent Clubhouse meeting where some erroneous material on the topic was provided (mainly by me!) to the participants. So to clarify matters, the following obfuscation is provided ☺

There is a good chance you've heard about alternative refrigerants (the liquid substance that enables air conditioners to produce cool air and heat pumps to produce warm air) being used in our air conditioners and heat pumps. Some Snowden Overlook residents' HVAC (Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning) systems use Freon (older units) as its refrigerant; others use Puron (newer units). Inquiring minds may want to know 1)why Freon is being phased out and replaced in new systems with Puron; 2) when it is happening and 3) does it impact the resident?

The Why: The specific chemicals that are used to provide heating and cooling are known as hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC). Freon, the most common HCFC refrigerant, has been the refrigerant of choice for HVAC systems for more than four decades; this was not a problem until the EPA uncovered research that showed how dangerous Freon was to the ozone layers of the earth.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Ray Hurst

[Ed. Note: This was printed in our March 2009 issue, but is being repeated for its timeliness for the upcoming fall months.]

FURNACE AIR FILTERS: Air filters are provided on forced air systems to remove dirt, lint, and other contaminants from heated or cooled air before it circulates throughout your home. It also helps keep the fan, heat exchanger and air conditioning coil clean. The filters in our neighborhood are located in the basement inside the air handler (usually called the furnace) and in a ceiling grill on the second floor for units with two systems. The filter should be changed when they are visibly dirty, usually every 30-60 days. Filters cost between \$2 and \$15 and can be found in hardware and even some grocery stores. When changing your filter, remember that filters are designed to be installed with one particular side facing the air stream. They are



Scientists blamed some of the depletion of the ozone layer in our atmosphere on Freon (also known as R-22). So, the whole reason for all of this phase-out is due to the little chemical (chlorine) that is present in Freon and that has been determined to eat holes in the ozone layer.

The When: The U.S. agreed to meet obligations as part of the Montreal Protocol (1987), an international environmental agreement. The Montreal Protocol is carried out in the U.S. through the Clean Air Act (1990), which provided since 2010 that HVAC manufacturers are not permitted to produce new HVAC systems that contained Freon. However, chemical manufacturers are able to continue production of Freon until 2020 for use in existing systems. The EPA will allow continued use of Freon to the year 2030, well past the typical life expectancy of any system installed today. Given this schedule, the transition away from Freon to the use of ozone-friendly refrigerants should be smooth.

Manufacturers of residential air conditioning and heat pump systems now (since 2010) offer systems that use ozone-friendly refrigerants. The new refrigerant of choice, Puron (R-410-A), is a product that has been designed to have less impact on the earth's ozone layer and global warming and has been approved by the EPA.

The impact: If your system has Puron, everything is ok now and in the future; if you have Freon no real problem (replacement of Freon may get expensive and repairs may cost more) until 2030!

BAY WISE

...Pat Harrington

Greenbriar Garden Club invites interested residents of Snowden Overlook to attend the garden club meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30 at the Clubhouse. Look for the Garden Club listing on the monthly activity calendar. John McCoy, Columbia's storm water manager will be speaking at the September meeting. In October we will have our annual auction to raise money for club-supported charities. The Garden Club has varied programs, field trips and activities. Every December the club participates in decorating Waverly Mansion with the Howard County Council of Garden Clubs. We sponsor a Head Start program where children plant a flower to give to their mother for Mother's Day. In May of 2013 we organized and presented an Art Show of Snowden Overlook residents with Garden Club members interpreting their works with flower arrangements.

DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY: Start collecting your medications to get them out of the home, get them away from teens and keep them out of the water supply. **Saturday, October 26th** is the next Drug Take Back Day. Collection locations will be announced in early October. You can also talk to your pharmacist to see if he/she knows of other medicine disposal programs in our area, or visit the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration's website for information on National Prescription Drug Take-Back events.

Accepted medications in liquid or pill form include prescriptions, over the counter



(OTC), and pet medications.

information contact Brownie at 410.312.4707.

Disposal of medications in Household Trash (if you miss the Take Back Day):

- Mix medicines (do NOT crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds
- Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag
- Throw the container in your household trash
- Before throwing out your empty pill bottle or other empty medicine packaging, **remember to scratch out all information on the prescription label to make it unreadable**

Improper disposal of medicines may end up in our drinking water sources. It is not advisable to flush medicines or throw them into drains. Water treatment plants are generally not equipped to routinely remove medicines.

**NEWS FROM DR.
CALVIN BALL, HOWARD
COUNTY DISTRICT 2
REPRESENTATIVE**

Columbia Association Hosts BikeAbout Columbia! Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, starting at Lake Elkhorn in Owen Brown; this FREE 11-mile ride is a self-guided, history-filled tour through Columbia. This year’s route takes riders through parts of Owen Brown Kings Contrivance. Registration is encouraged. Learn more and register at <http://BikeAbout.Eventbrite.com>

Long Reach Flea Market! Saturday, Sept. 28th, 8 am – 12 pm; come out to the Long Reach Village Center for a fantastic opportunity to either sell your treasures or shop for unique purchases. Vendors, the cost is \$20/space. Stop by the Stonehouse or call 410.730.8113 for more details.

Robinson Nature Center Two-Year Anniversary Open House! Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 12-5 pm; 6692 Cedar Lane; featuring live animal presentations, nature crafts and exhibits, the opportunity for attendees to explore space in the Center’s planetarium, discover the arboretum along the walking trails and check out the Center’s Discovery Room and demonstration bee hive. For more details, go online or call 410.313.0400.

Farmer’s Markets Are Open—Enjoy Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Locally Grown Food at a Local Market Near You!



**CRAFT CORNER
Sheila Wolf**

Come and sign up for card making Friday, October 18th from 10 am to 12 noon. You will have the opportunity to get information, and for \$5 you can make your own cards. This is a great time for learning card making since the holidays soon will be upon us. Brownie Connor, our instructor, recently showed us scrapbooking, and we were very impressed. She will have lots of good information and suggestions.

If you are thinking about card making, please sign up for this craft session. For more



Snowden Overlook’s nearest market is at Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch, 6600 Cradlerock Way; Thursdays 2-6 pm through November 24th. For more information, go to www.HowardCountyFarmersMarkets.com

Do You Need a Bulk-Item Pick-Up? Must be scheduled by calling 410.313.6444 or visiting www.HowardCountyBulkPickup.org. These items typically do not fit in trash cans; include mattresses, chairs, sofas, dressers, etc. Must be placed at the curb by 6 am (no earlier than 6 pm the night before); Bulk metal item pickup must be scheduled in advance by calling 410.313.6444.

In and Around Howard County

Dr. Calvin Ball listed numerous events/happenings in our county in the next several weeks. However, there is one event that should ‘stand alone’ for its importance for seniors. That annual event will soon be upon us:

15th ANNUAL 50+ EXPO

Date: Friday, October 18th
Time: 9 am – 4 pm
Place: Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road

This year’s event will feature great ideas for healthy aging, from comprehensive health screening at the health fair to proactive health seminars and workshops; flu shots and diabetes screenings; live entertainment; food.

The always popular Capitol Steps will once again headline the entertainment this year, with two shows in the Rouse Theatre at noon

and 2 pm. [Ed. Note: GET THERE EARLY! RESERVE YOUR CAPITOL STEPS SEAT AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE (it’s free); wear comfortable shoes—there is a lot of walking.]

Other events: Attached at the end of the newsletter is a list of Howard County Cultural Events—performers, site of performance and contact/web sites for you to peruse. This list was generously created by our website guru, Mike Goldblatt—this is a must-keep paper for each resident—you will use this again and again! Thank you, Mike!!



CLOSING THOUGHT:

“Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses”

(Botanist George Washington Carver)

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[This newsletter is the sole responsibility of the Editor.]

Howard County Cultural Events

Performers	Site of Performances	Web Site
Candlelight Concerts	HCC Smith Theater	http://www.candlelightconcerts.org
Columbia Bands	Varied music and sites	http://www.columbiabands.org/
Columbia Orchestra	The Jim Rouse Theater	http://www.columbiaorchestra.org/season
Sundays at Three	Chris Episcopal t Church	http://www.sundaysatthree.org/sched.html
Columbia Pro Cantare	The Jim Rouse Theater	http://www.procantare.org/Season.htm
Columbia Foreign Film	HCC Smith Theater	www.columbiafilmsociety.org
Dinner Thbeater	Toby's Dinner Theatre	http://www.tobysdinnertheatre.com/
Howard County Ballet	Howard County Center for the Arts	www.howardcountyballet.org/
Lectures	Howard County Library	http://hclibrary.org/index.php?page=22
Poetry & Literature	Howard County Poetry & Literature Society	http://hocopolitso.org/programs/
Plays, Musical, Concerts	Howard County Public Schools	http://www.hcpss.org/news/golden.shtml
Art Exhibits	Howard County Arts Council	http://www.hocoarts.org
Art Exhibits	Columbia Arts Center	http://columbiaartcenter.org/
Music, dance art	Howard County Senior Centers	http://www.howardcountymd.gov
SilhouetteStage	Slayton House Theatre	http://www.wildelake.org/node/22.
Rep Stage	Howard County Community College	http://www.repstage.org/
CA Lake Front & Village Activities	Town Center, Lake Elkhorn, Villages	http://www.columbiacalendar.org/

Seniors Events Shuttle



Senior **CENTERS**



Art **RECEPTIONS**



Curb to Curb **SERVICE**

*Seniors Event Shuttle
is supported by the
Columbia Association
Community Services
Division and Senior
Advisory Committee,
and Howard County
Government.*

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.**

- **Columbia's Theaters** (*Smith, Rouse, Slayton House and Toby's Dinner Theater*)
- **Art Exhibits and Receptions** (*Artists Gallery, Columbia Art Center, Slayton House, Howard Community College*)
- **Lectures and Concerts**
- **Florence Bain Senior Center and East Columbia 50 Plus Center** (*All Howard County Senior Centers*)
- **Lakefront Activities** (*Town Center, Lake Elkhorn*)
- **Theaters and Entertainment Activities outside of Columbia** (*Olney Theaters and Centennial Lake*)

*To request or cancel a ride call **410-715-3087.***

Policies

- **Four person minimum**, service is limited to a maximum of 35 for any event.
- Multiple pickup locations are permitted.
- Vehicles are accessible for disabled.
- Reservations must be made by telephone. Leave a message one week before the event. A Senior Advisory Committee member will call back with a confirmation.
- Reservations must include name, address (apartment/condominium number), telephone number, special needs, event title, date, time and location.
- Drivers are instructed to wait 5 minutes at each address.
- Howard County inclement weather policy determines cancellation of service.

All reservations and cancellations are recorded to determine specific areas in need of the transportation service. Repeated cancellations or "no shows" will affect the future locations of the service.

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