

# SOCA NEWS

2/10/2022

**Pandemic** – The Howard County Executive lifted the broad mask requirement for indoor public spaces in Howard County on February 1<sup>st</sup>. However, “Howard County public buildings and facilities, and public transit, including RTA, will still require masks. Businesses and organizations may still require masks at their own discretion.”

The community transmission rate in Howard County has indeed been improving sharply in recent weeks but remains high as measured by the number of new cases per 100,000 of population over 7 days. Here’s hoping that trend toward improvement continues. The board will continue to closely monitor the community transmission rates in our area and continually reassess the need for prudent restrictions at our clubhouse.

In the meantime, however, there is no change indoors at the clubhouse – masks over nose and mouth are required except when actively eating or drinking.

**The Clubhouse is OPEN!** – We were surprised to learn that a few Snowden Overlook residents seemed unaware that the clubhouse had been reopened, with some restrictions, on May 20, 2021. It remains open, with the primary restrictions being that those entering the clubhouse must wear a wristband indicating that the wearer has signed the liability waiver and that masks over nose and mouth must be worn inside the clubhouse except while actively eating or drinking. If you are one of our neighbors who somehow hadn’t heard of the reopening – a belated welcome back!

**Treadmill Safety Reminder** – Over the years, we have experienced several accidents on these devices. In at least one case, a user fell and was injured, in part, by the belt continuing to run. These devices have safety keys on cords that are to be attached to your clothing to help prevent such events. Please use them for your safety.

**Access Control for the Clubhouse** – As you know, access through the clubhouse front doors, the gym entrance, or the pool gate has long been gained through use of white “swipe” cards. Some residents requested that SOCA explore the possibility of issuing smaller fobs, like those used for entrance to Ovation as an alternative credential for entry. After considerable effort along these lines, we have concluded that the additional complexity involved, including the possible involvement of multiple contractors, has persuaded the board to retain the simplicity of the existing system. We recognize that the proposal might have been an improvement in convenience for some, but it did not seem to merit the additional complexity involved.

## **Reminders of February Events\*:**

Friday, 2/11 - [Mix & Mingle: Chinese New Year!](#) 6pm. Catered by Hunan Legend. \$15pp.

>>> *Sign up by Wed, 2/09* <<<

**50 Person Max Capacity**

Wednesday, 2/16 - [Coffee w/Carol](#). This event has been postponed until March.

Speaker: Karen Hull, Mental Health Coordinator, Howard County Office on Aging and Independence,  
Topic: Emotional Well-Being and Keeping Connected.

Friday, 2/18 - NEW! [Just Like Home Indian Food Truck](#). 4pm -7pm

Sunday, 2/20 - [An Evening with David Bach \(Jazz\)](#). Wine and Desserts. 7pm. \$25pp. For more info, visit [davidbachmusic.com](http://davidbachmusic.com)

>>> *Sign up by Wed, 2/16* <<<

**50 Person Max Capacity**

Friday, 2/25 - [Chesapeake Food Works Food Truck](#). 4pm - 7pm.

Saturday, 2/26 - [Casino Night!](#) Catered by Q'doba Mexican Grill. 6pm. \$25pp

>>> *Sign up by Wed, 2/23* <<<

**50 Person Max Capacity**

\*A minimum of 30 people must sign up for any event to take place. If an event is cancelled due to lack of attendance (or any other reason), you will receive notice and a refund by our event coordinator.

### **Thanks to Our Volunteers –**

We hope everyone enjoyed the December holiday decorations and celebrations. Our clubhouse looked especially festive, thanks to the help of residents attending the Holiday Decoration Party. Rosalie Chernick, Ann Goldblatt, Shelley Kabran and Dina Feinman set up the Hanukkah display in the living room. We also had an informative Kwanzaa table by Jackie Kakembo. A special thank you to AMG for their help setting up the trees, the poinsettias and the balcony display. The SOCA landscape committee (Mary and Peter Sulerud, Ronni and Lou True and Ann Buening) did the outside window wreaths and planters. New this year were the two sparkling deer that Lou assembled and staked on the lawn. At least, these were not eating our pansies.

The New Year's Eve party went on despite the precautions necessary for the covid surge. The food from Putting On The Ritz was delicious! Thank you to Christy (office manager), Sharonlee Vogel and Rosalie Chernick for setting up and the festive decorations on the tables. Carol (life style coordinator) made sure that those residents who were uncomfortable attending were able to pick up their dinners. Thank you, Carol. After the holidays, the decorations were packed away. Thanks again to AMG and Jerry and Kathy Pelch, Pat Harrington and Ray Hurst, Christie and Jerry Kuhn, and Sandy and Steve Reading and the Trues. Residents are always welcome to help with clubhouse events. If there are new activities you would like to see happen this winter, let the Social Committee, office staff, or a SOCA board member know. Meanwhile, regular clubhouse activities and food trucks continue, see SOCA calendar at [www.snowdenoverlook.com](http://www.snowdenoverlook.com).

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