



OM eNEWS

December 19, 2008

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VISIT OM online: <http://oaklandmills.columbiavillages.org/>

VISIT online: www.columbiacalendar.org

for listings of events Columbia-wide

*The Other Barn – Holiday Closing Hours

The Other Barn will close at 3:00 p.m. on December 24 and reopen on Jan. 2 at 9:00 a.m.

(If you need to contact the office during this timeframe and cannot wait until we reopen please send an email to omca@columbiavillages.org)

The Oakland Mills Board/CCR and staff wish everyone a wonderful holiday and a safe, happy and healthy New Year!



OAKLAND MILLS NEWS

*Stop in to wish all the best to Reggie Smith

**Wednesday, December 24, 10 – noon
holiday treats**

Reggie Smith, Oakland Mills front desk assistant will be leaving the position beginning in January. (He will still work for OMCA during private rentals.) Reggie will pursue his artistic talent and passion. Stop by on 12/24 between 10 and noon for holiday treats and to wish Reggie all the best.

OM Holiday Cookie Swap – Sunday, Dec. 21

<http://www.socializr.com/event/971465694/39123520>

2nd Chance Saloon - OM welcomes our newest merchant!

Stop by the new 2nd Chance Saloon and welcome owners Wendy and Declan to the neighborhood. Restaurant hours are:

**Sun through Wed 11:30 am – Midnight
Thurs, Fri. and Sat 11:30-2:00 am.**

First Annual Oakland Mills House and Garden Tour

If you are interested in showing your house and/or garden or would like to participate in planning this historic event, contact OM Board Member Abby Hendrix at Abby.hendrix@gmail.com or at 410-740-4595.

Entertainment Books....purchase your book while supply lasts! Come in and purchase an Entertainment Book that is filled with restaurant/store/car rental/sports tickets coupons and more! The book is \$25 and you'll make up the cost by just using the card one or two times.

Buy it for yourself or give as a gift.

COST: \$25

On sale at The Other Barn. Proceeds benefit the Oakland Mills Community Association events.

**Line, Form, and Rhythm
Original Paintings by Pat Dillon**

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 2 – 7 PM

Columbia resident, musician, and artist Pat Dillon, will exhibit landscapes, still lifes, and portraits at The Other Barn on Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 2 – 7 PM.

The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045
Contact: Marcia White 410 964-0067, mjraker@aol.com

Original works and prints for sale, Refreshments, Music, Free
Sponsored by The Oakland Mills Music and Arts Committee and
Michael McKenna WEICHERT, REALTORS® - New Colony 410.381.3331
www.weichertnewcolony.com

OAKLAND MILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

**Next OM Board Meeting: Tues. Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.,
Resident Speak Out at 7:35 p.m.**

There will be no board meeting on December 23.
To view prior meeting approved minutes and draft agendas for upcoming meetings visit <https://omca.columbiavillages.org>

MTA Proposes Service Eliminations for Some MARC Train and Commuter Bus Services

For more information on MTA's Service Elimination Proposal please click the following link http://www.mtmaryland.com/Commuter_MARC_Proposal_Text.cfm

Written comments are due to MTA by Dec. 26th.

Rebuilding Together Howard County Now Accepting Applications!

Rebuilding Together Howard County is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping elderly and/or disabled low-income homeowners, and families with children with home renovation, repairs and modifications.

All repairs are FREE to the homeowners and are completed on National Rebuilding Day in April 2009. We are currently accepting homeowner applications for our 2009 Rebuilding Day. Call 410-381-3338 to request an application or visit our website at www.RebuildingTogetherHC.org. The application deadline is December 31st.

RAC (Resident Architectural Committee)

The next meeting of the **RAC** (Resident Architectural Committee) will be held on **Thurs. Jan. 22** at 7:30 p.m.

Lists of pending applications to be discussed are viewable on the OM web site: <http://oaklandmills.columbiavillages.org> or at The Other Barn posted on the lobby bulletin board. Residents may sign-in to speak beginning at 7:00 p.m. on RAC meeting dates.

Managed Deer Hunts at Blandair

Managed deer hunts using bows will take place on the following dates on the Blandair property:

Jan. 29; Feb. 23

For information contact Howard County Parks & Rec. at 410-313-1675.

Community Development Project Teams – Everyone welcome, join anytime!

Ben Hunter, Community Organizer
benhunter@columbiavillages.org 410-730-1129

Master Plan: Tues. Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Music & Arts: Thurs. Jan. 8

Housing: Wed. Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m.

CLASSES AT THE OTHER BARN!

Artist's Way Class – Monday, 10 a.m. at The Other Barn

Oakland Mills resident Heather Kirk-Davidoff will be leading a group based on the best-selling book, *"The Artist's Way: A Course in Discovering and Recovering Your Creative*

Self" by Julia Cameron. The book (available at bookstores and on line) outlines a twelve-week course that includes group discussion and exercises that each person completes during the week. The purpose of the course is to enhance the creative capacities of each person--not just those who identify as "artists". The group is offered free of charge (although each participant needs to purchase the book) and open to everyone, but has limited enrollment. We hope to meet a couple of times in December, and then begin in earnest in January. If you are interested in participating, or for more information, call Heather Kirk-Davidoff at 410-730-2780, or email her at kirkdavidoff@gmail.com.

Stamping with Gina – January date tba.

Pre-registration (phone call or email) is required.

(\$10 class plus \$ 5 supply fee)

Make hand-made greeting cards and hand

made gifts. Looks just like store bought at ½ the price! This is a fun-filled creative evening.

Art Night, Thurs. Jan. 22, 6:45 p.m.

Art Night will be held at The Other Barn.

Come and create w/friends! Free and fun!

<http://omartnight.socializr.com> Use this link to invite your friends/neighbors/ anyone and everyone to OM's Art Night!

Lively Arts for Little Ones returns to Oakland Mills!

Showtime is 10:00 a.m., Tickets are \$4.75 for everyone ages 2 and up.

Call The Other Barn for subscription information for all 6 shows!

Jan. 9: The Kinderman: Start the New Year off right with some singing and dancing with the Pied Piper of Columbia!

Feb. 6: Sue Trainor: Stir up lots of fun as Sue Trainor takes you to the gateways of your imagination.

March 13: DinoRock: Here come the dinosaur babies, Crash-Boom-Bam Sam the Triceratops, Baby Rex, Doris Stegosaurus and their mom, Mama Maiasaura.

May 1: Chris Fascione: You will be captivated by Chris as he brings literature to life with the help of closing, juggling, acting and pantomime.



SCHOOL NEWS and EVENTS

Find out what is going on at school. Sign up for the **eschool newsletter**.

Important and timely information is delivered right to your IN BOX.

Please visit <http://www.eschoolnewsletter.com/cs.asp>

Support our OM Schools:

☺ **Join the school PTA.** Show your support through your membership.

The Oakland Mills **board** members join each Oakland Mills school's PTA each year and encourages **all** residents to join the PTA.

- ☺ **Mentor a student.** Mentors are needed in every school. Mentoring is one of the most rewarding experiences there is.
 - ☺ www.hcpss.org Howard County Public School System's main web site. This site can lead you to each school and all contact information you need to HELP OUR SCHOOLS and HELP OUR CHILDREN.
 - ☺ **Become involved with Oakland Mills education projects,** contact Ben Hunter at benhunter@columbiavillages.org 410-730-1129.
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Information at your fingertips! Click and link to OM Schools: JUST CLICK IT!

Oakland Mills High School: <http://www2.hcpss.org/omhs/>
Oakland Mills Middle School: <http://www2.hcpss.org/omms/>
Stevens Forest Elementary School: <http://sfes.hcpss.org/>
Talbott Springs Elementary School: <http://tses.hcpss.org/>
Thunder Hill Elementary School: <http://thes.hcpss.org/>

Support OMHS Junior Class

Stop by The Other Barn and purchase a magnet coupon to support OMHS Jr. Class. The coupon is \$10 and offers discounts with coupon valid through 8/1/09 to: Ledo Pizza, Subway, Roma's Pizza, Zpizza, Serafinos, Frisco Grill and Michael's Pub. (Purchase from Village Manager with exact cash or check made payable to OMHS Junior Class).

Stevens Forest Cooperative Nursery School, located in the **Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center** For more information or to register, see our website at www.stevensforestnurseryschool.org or call 410-997-0808.

The Learning Cottage is a new preschool choice for parents in our community. The school is located at the **Talbott Springs Neighborhood Center**, For more information about the school, please call 410-740-5538, email thelearningcottage@verizon.net, or visit the website at www.thelearningcottage.info



COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION NEWS

[Columbia Teen Center and Columbia Wide Teen Events](#)

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

Columbia Association

CA Headquarters & Member Service Center: 10221 Wincopin Circle,

Columbia, MD 21044 www.columbiaassociation.com

Phone: 410-715-3000

Spirit of Columbia Scholarship

The CA Scholarship Program offers up to six \$2,500 education awards to graduating high school seniors who exhibit exceptional efforts in providing community service in the Columbia area. Students who attend Howard County public or private school, live in Columbia, and maintain a C average, are eligible to apply for the scholarship award.

<http://www.columbiaassociation.com/pdfs/getinvolved/SpiritOfColumbiaApplication.pdf>

Application deadline is March 2, 2009.

CA accepting entries for Images of Freedom poster contest

Winning designs to be featured on Howard County buses; all entries to be displayed in Black History Month gallery show

The Columbia Association (CA), in partnership with Corridor Transportation Corporation and the Howard County Office of Public Information, is hosting the sixth annual Images of Freedom poster contest in honor of Black History Month for middle and high school age Howard County residents.

Entries should be mailed or delivered to Images of Freedom poster contest, Attn: Kelly Cooper, Columbia Association, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044. The deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Kelly Cooper at 410-715-3104 or Kelly.Cooper@ColumbiaAssociation.com.

Columbia Community Exchange You can learn more about Columbia Community Exchange, services available and registration information at www.ColumbiaAssociation.org, or by contacting us at 410-884-3121 or CommunityExchange@ColumbiaAssociation.com.



GOING GREEN

Baywise Tip for December

***CARE OF A LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE**

Choosing a live Christmas tree can serve 2 functions. It decorates the home during the Christmas season and then decorates the landscape. Here are some guidelines to care for a live tree.

- 1.** Make sure you have room for it in your landscape for a tree. It is not appropriate as a foundation planting.
- 2.** Before the ground freezes, prepare the planting hole (3x size of root ball and as deep) Prevent the soil from the hole from freezing if possible.
- 3.** Spray needles with anti-transparent like Vapor Guard or Wilt-Pruf, following container directions.
- 4.** Check soil in root ball for moisture. If dry, place in tub of i-2 inches of warm water for 1 hour.
- 5.** Keep the tree indoors no longer than 10 days.

6. Re-acclimate the tree if the weather is cold by placing on sheltered porch or in garage for a few days.
7. Place tree in prepared hole and fill space half full and pack firmly. Loosen the burlap from root ball and fold or cut to packed soil level. Finish filling hole. Build small dike 3-4 inches around the outer edges of the hole and fill with 3-5 gallons of water.
8. Anchor tree to ground with stakes and clothesline. Do not use wire to avoid damage to bark.
9. Mulch 3 inches deep and enjoy!

CA launches web site on Watershed Management

The Columbia Association is launching www.ColumbiaWatershed.org, a web site dedicated to informing the community on watershed issues. It will also help residents understand how to change their daily habits to better protect our watershed. Features of the web site include surveys, maps, biographies of CA's Watershed Advisory Committee members and frequently asked questions. The site will also list the Watershed Advisory Committee meeting schedules, minutes and agendas. The web site launch is part of CA's Watershed Management Plan, designed to protect and restore the waters of Columbia.



AROUND TOWN

GGP Columbia Town Center

For updated information: <http://www.columbiatowncenter.info>

Blandair Regional Park Planning Task Force

For updated information:

http://www.co.ho.md.us/rap/rap_BlandairRegPark.htm

To view the proposed plan click the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAPDocs/2008_Blandair_Master_Plan.pdf

FIRN Citizenship Screening:

Think you may not qualify to apply for citizenship?

Think your English language skills aren't good enough?

Think you may need additional immigration documents?

Need help filling out the N-400 form?

Come for a Free legal eligibility and language screening on Tuesday January 13, 2009 at the FIRN office- from 7:00-8:30 pm

Next 6-week Citizenship Preparation Classes begin on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 7-8:30 pm. Call to Reserve Your Space Now: 410-992-1923



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Columbia Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Long Reach Village Center
410-730-0075 – A few great class offerings – call the Art Center to register.

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

Nutcracker on Ice returns to Columbia Ice Rink

The Columbia Figure Skating Club will present “**Nutcracker on Ice**” **Dec. 20 and 21** at **Columbia Ice Rink**. There will be performances on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and children under age 3 are free. Advance tickets are recommended and can be purchased at the ice rink. This performance is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. For more information, call 410-730-0322. Columbia Ice Rink is located at 5876 Thunder Hill Road in Oakland Mills Village Center.

Assistance for “Seniors” to get out and about! CA’s Senior Shuttle for Cultural Events

The Columbia Association’s Senior Advisory Committee sponsors a **FREE** curb-to-curb evening and weekend transportation shuttle to cultural events throughout Howard County for groups of 4 or more seniors ages 60 and over. For complete details call CA at 410-715-3087.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County

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

Food Deliverers: FISH needs persons who will pack up and deliver food to clients in Howard County once or twice a month. If interested, please call Wendel Thompson at 410-730-1457.

NEIGHBOR RIDE

GIVE THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE

You can give seniors the gift of independence this holiday season by volunteering as a Neighbor Ride driver. Flexible and rewarding daytime,

evening and weekend opportunities are available. Drivers may choose to provide rides that both fit their schedules and are convenient to their homes and daily routines. Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to bring their children along for a wonderful intergenerational experience.

Please contact Rosemary Noble at 410-884-RIDE (7433) or volunteer@neighborride.org for more information or to volunteer.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sandy Cederbaum

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