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Community Events

March 14, 21 & 28
April 4 & 11
May 2 & 9
Cabin Fever Craft Show

Sunday, April 25, 1:00 - 4:00pm
Wedding & Event Showcase @ Historic Oakland



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Notes From The Board Chair



Lynn Foehrkolb, Town
Center Village Board Chair

As I walk the paths of Lake Kitt and Wilde Lake, I'm realizing that Spring is fast upon us. The day is lengthening, the sun is stronger, and the birds are singing. But it will be a different spring. Safely masking, most of us are hardly recognizable to others we know. We are still keeping our distance and longing for the day we can feel the comfort of a hug. Many of us are still waiting for our first or second COVID-19 vaccination. But I remain hopeful that the approaching seasons will bring us relief and gradual freedom to return to the life before the pandemic.

Through the magic of Zoom, we resumed our Town Center Condo Board Presidents Forum on January 16. I was happy to touch base with those folks who were eager to engage in early 2020, before the pandemic shut us down. A concern voiced by many condo communities is focused on defining what it means to live in a condo association. Different communities may or may not communicate that information to their residents. There are CA Guidelines, Condo By-laws, the MD Condo Act, individual Rules/Regs. It can be very confusing, so we're hoping to develop a way to bridge that communication gap.

Please remember to vote in April in our Town Center election for 3 board positions. Your voice is important! Our board is instrumental in advocating for residents in matters concerning our village. As an example, CA proposed closing some outdoor pools this summer due to COVID-19's financial impact. Our board persuaded CA to keep Running Brook pool open since Town Center has no community pool and its proximity makes the most sense for our village.

Stay safe and healthy, wear your mask, keep your distance and get your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as it's offered!

Announcing...

Cabin Fever Craft Show Series

Come see local handmade crafts from jewelry to candles and from clothing to artwork. Vendors have been busy creating and now it's time for you to see their creations. The confirmed dates for the **FREE** series are the following:

March: 14, 21 & 28

April: 4 & 11

May: 2 & 9

Each week there will be something different to choose from at all price levels.

TIME: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Vendors: 5-15 each week

Location: Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD

Become A Vendor: Contact Lori Tracy at **410-730-4801**.

Timed **FREE** tickets will be put on **Eventbrite** soon. Pick your timeslot. Search for Cabin Fever Craft Shows at Historic Oakland. Details to be announced shortly.

A limited number of vendors will be staged both **indoors and outdoors** to ensure proper spacing and airflow and meet State and County guidance.

Masks required to enter the Manor. Social distance guidelines enforced as well as capacity restrictions on how many people can be in the Manor at any one time. Staff will be on hand to assist.



Clove & Cardamom Now Open!...More Restaurants Coming Soon!

The culinary scene is heating up! Visit the new **Clove & Cardamom Restaurant** at 6000 Merriweather Drive. Reservations: **443 425 3034**. Enjoy delights from around the world, infused with an Indian flavor. The menu includes healthier fare and vegan dishes, and your favorite traditional Indian cuisine. Visit: www.clovecardamom.com

Busboys and Poets: Coming Soon!

Dok Khao Thai Eatery: Coming Soon!



CA MATTERS - Columbia Council Report

By Lin Eagan, Town Center Representative to Columbia Council and Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors. This reflects my views and not those of CA or CA Board. To share your thoughts on CA or Town Center issues, contact me at lin.eagan@ca-board.org.

The CA Board is deep into the search for the new president/CEO of the Columbia Association. Baker Tilly, a national search firm, was hired last fall to conduct a nationwide search to replace Milton Matthews who will be retiring at the end of April. Before announcing the position publicly, Baker Tilly conducted a wide-ranging survey of Columbia residents and stakeholders to create the job description so that it conforms with Columbia's vision. Over 80 candidates applied and Baker Tilly reviewed and analyzed the responses, cutting the field down to 40. Then, after interviewing the 40 applicants, forwarded a group of 15 people they highly recommended to the CA Board for review, hoping to arrive at a select



group for final interviews. Once the 3-5 finalists are selected by the Board, Baker Tilly will schedule interviews and develop interview questions, complete gathering references, and complete a leadership management assessment. Scores will be compared to the CA benchmark. Academic verification and background checks will be completed. Final interviews will be conducted and an employment offer generated. This is a very demanding process and the Board is committed to hiring the best possible replacement for Milton Matthews. We recognize that now that Columbia is maturing, many assumptions will need to be re-evaluated while maintaining the core inspired values. Vision, expertise, and the abil-

ity to collaborate with our very diverse community will be essential skills to take us into a stronger, better Columbia. At the same time we are examining the proposed 2022 budget. I encourage you to keep monitoring the issues, recognizing that in the midst of Covid, CA must change the way its assets are managed in order to cope with severe budget reductions. There are certain facilities such as the outdoor pools, our extensive open space, and critical programs that will continue to be subsidized for the benefit of the community as a whole. Some will face cut backs due to Covid restrictions, some will be eliminated or modified. We realized that this is a temporary situation, but, as with most institutions and businesses, it will take time to recover, but recover and improve, we will.

2021 Town Center Village Election Coming Soon

Three Board Seats are up for election for the term that runs **May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023**. Board members responsibilities include attending one meeting per month, reviewing village finances, ensuring that covenants and architectural guidelines are followed, liaising with state and local government and advocating for the safety, well being and health of all residents. The nomination period is now open.

2021 Election Calendar

February 19 – March 12: Application period for candidates for Village Board. The Columbia Council position is up for election next year. The application is available to download online at columbiatowncenter.org/elections

March 12 (NOON): Deadline to submit candidate applications (available online). The application is not complete and accepted without a signed original application and your Candidate's Statement delivered ELECTRONICALLY to the Village Manager's Office at VillageManager@ColumbiaTownCenter.org. (Statements should be in a Microsoft Word format)



Historic Oakland's

2021 Wedding & Event Showcase

Sunday, April 25th

1:00pm-4:00 PM



VENDORS REGISTER AT:

hoshowcase2021.eventbrite.com

info@historic-oakland.com

410.730.4801



Architectural Applications Approved In Dec-Feb

- ◆ 5425 Vantage Point Road (Waterbury) – Radon System Installation and Ring Doorbell installation
- ◆ 5425-5517 Vantage Point Road (Waterbury) – Tree Removal
- ◆ 5652 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – Paint Door/Add New Screen Door
- ◆ 5449 Ring Dove Lane (Ring Dove) – Rebuild Deck/Add Enclosure
- ◆ 6014 Shepherd Square – Add Concrete Patio

Please email Covenants@ColumbiaTownCenter.org with any Exterior Alteration Applications or Letters of Compliance requests. The applications can be found at www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org/covenant-info/applications.

The deadline for submitting new applications to be considered in March is **Wednesday, March 10 at Noon**.

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- ◆ Granola Bars/Crackers
- ◆ Toiletries/Juice boxes

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"



The Center Fold is bi-monthly by the Columbia Town Center Residential Community Association. The Village Board meets at Historic Oakland each month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm via ZOOM during COVID. The Architectural Committee meets during the Village Board meetings. Please visit our website as meeting dates or times can occasionally change. **All residents are welcome.** The Board meeting agenda and approved minutes can be found at www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org. Pending exterior alteration applications are posted on the agenda.

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