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Please Note: In order to reduce our expenses, we have moved to a bimonthly printed newsletter. Our weekly e-newsletter, the *NewsFlash* has more current information, and so we ask you to please visit our website www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org and sign up on the right side of the homepage. Thank you.



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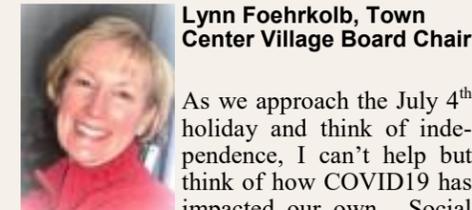


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Notes From The Board Chair



Lynn Foehrkolb, Town Center Village Board Chair

As we approach the July 4th holiday and think of independence, I can't help but think of how COVID19 has impacted our own. Social distancing has certainly affected the patterns of our life: how far away we stand from each other, daring to hug those close to us, determining the safest time to go to the store, having the ability to pay the bills.

It seems every decision we make now is contingent upon the rise and fall of a COVID case chart. It seems like a gloomy picture, but life is emerging from inside our cocoons. Summer is here and people are eating out on terraces and greens. And nature hasn't even stopped to pay attention to our angst.

I would once again like to remind those of you struggling that our Little Free Pantry continues to be restocked daily and the Little Free Library is now open. Our village is here to offer support to you as well. And for those of you who still can, I ask that you think of making gifts to our Pantry and/or the Howard County Food Bank.

One big change is coming to Town Center and that is the retirement of our Village Manager, Jeryl Baker. From my perspective, she will be very hard to replace. She's done a wonderful job in managing Historic Oakland and its staff, as well as helping me muddle through my early years on the board. As we look for someone to fill her shoes, we wish her all the best in her retirement as she declares her independence from her working life.

I wish all of you a sweet, but quiet July 4th!

Learn How To Grow Your Own Herb Garden!

Join Town Center Community Association for a FREE virtual herb gardening workshop.

July 15 @ 7:00 pm

Presented by Howard County Master Gardeners
Email Lisa@ColumbiaTownCenter.org to register.
A Zoom link will be emailed the morning of the event.

Town Center Community Association & Bar 51 Mobile Bartending invite you to a FREE virtual mixology event. Learn how to make fun & fabulous drinks at home.

Wednesday, August 19 @ 7:00 pm

Email Lisa@ColumbiaTownCenter.org to register



We Are Happy To Announce We Will Reopen Our Facility On July 6

In preparation of opening and ensuring our guests, customers, and neighbors are in a safe environment, TCCA staff developed a detailed protocol that will be followed.

Staff will be required to wear a mask and practice safe social distancing. After guests leave the building, we will sanitize the area that was visited.

Anyone entering will be required to wear a mask at all times while inside. Although most of us have our own masks these days, we are happy to provide you one should you forget it in your travels to the building. We also have gloves, hand sanitizer, and wipes on a welcome table in the foyer. When coming to the building, please limit how many people come inside at one time; we suggest not more than 2.

In addition to the above protocols, we have worked closely with our cleaning staff to take extra care in cleaning and sanitizing high traffic areas within the building. Until further notice, our restrooms will not be open to the public.

To ensure everyone's safety, should our staff or guests exhibit any of the classic COVID-19 symptoms, we will ask them to leave and we will disinfect the area immediately.

We welcome you back to Town Center Community Association and Historic Oakland. We are committed to creating a safe environment for our staff and guests. Our plan is to open for meetings and social events as the state allows. Hope to see you soon!

Lori Tracy, Facility Manager



CA MATTERS - Columbia Council Report

By Lin Eagan, Town Center Representative to Columbia Council and Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors. Please note that this text reflects my views only and not those of CA or the CA Board. To share your thoughts or concerns on CA or Town Center issues, feel free to contact me at lin.eagan@ca-board.org.

The Columbia Association, like most businesses, is adapting daily to the challenge of operating in the midst of a pandemic. We are re-opening gradually, following the state and county guidelines which sometimes change daily. As almost 50% of CA's income is derived from facility memberships and operations, we were hit especially hard.



contributing about 50%. Normally we could accurately project the amount to be collected, but this year it's difficult to anticipate the effect of the pandemic, especially on business revenue. We continue, however, with a substantially reduced staff, to open our facilities as the state and county regulations allow.

We stopped collecting monthly membership fees in mid-March and have extended the membership time for those paying annually. The Columbia Association lien, which provides for open space management, including maintenance of bridges, paths, and lakes plus administration of the Association, will be collected as usual beginning July 1. This fee normally accounts for the other 50% of CA's annual income and is assessed on both residential and commercial properties, each

In addition to the outdoor tennis courts and golf courses, tot lots, the dog park, the sports park, the Long Reach Tennis facility, the Haven, all 3 fitness centers— including their indoor pools, and the Swim Center opened on June 20. The Swim Center is open to residents who have outdoor pool memberships. In keeping with COVID - 19 restrictions, reservations are essential and safety protocols are in place for each facility. Check the CA website for updates.



Photo credit: Jameson Hibbard

This has been such a hard year. So, for the next few months, the Kittamaqundi Community Church has put up this art installation to bring smiles and (non-touch) hugs to our neighborhood. Take pictures of yourself and your family with the art. Or just let it bring a smile into your life.

The art is by local artist Martha Lohaus.

And please keep enjoying Columbia's extensive open space. As Town Center residents, we are especially fortunate to have 2 lakes and access to parks. If you haven't been there lately, try a picnic in Symphony Woods. The grass is lush and its extensive tree canopy provides ample shade. Chill out on the Chrysalis...it's all open.

2020 HOWARD COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE



Howard County Library Charles E. Miller Branch
9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City
May 6 - November 4
Wednesdays | 2:00 - 6:00 PM
Drive Thru & Walk Thru | Pre-order Available

Howard County Library East Columbia Branch
6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
May 14 - November 4
Thursdays | 12:00 - 6:00 PM
Drive Thru & Walk Thru | Pre-order Available

Clarksville Commons
12230 & 12250 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville
May 9 - November 7
Saturdays | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Drive Thru & Walk Thru | Pre-order Available

Farmers' Market @ Maple Lawn
7405 Maple Lawn Blvd., Fulton
May 16 - November 7
Saturdays | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Drive Thru & Walk Thru | Pre-order Available

Oakland Mills Village Center
5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia
May 10 - November 8
Sundays | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Drive Thru & Walk Thru | Pre-order Available

For updates, please visit:
bit.ly/HoCoFM_2020



*Note: Pick up booths will be stationed 12 ft apart; buyers are urged to continue physical distancing by maintaining 6 ft apart while waiting in line to retrieve their order. Please remember to wear a face covering or mask.

Village Manager Retiring



It has been one of the best jobs I have ever had and one of the greatest privileges to work with so many Town Center residents, these past 5 1/2 years.

You should know that I leave behind a smart, dedicated and caring staff and a wonderful Board of Directors that works so hard every day to improve the lives of all Town Center residents.

The Board is working hard to find a replacement for me by mid-August.

I treasure each interaction I've had with you all and hope that I've left the neighborhood a little better off. After a month or two of respite I intend to be back volunteering in the community and hope to see many of you then.

The Little Free Library and Little Food Pantry are still open. Your neighbors are doing an incredible job keeping them stocked. Please use it safely.

Thank you for your generosity.



Architectural Applications Approved in April/May/June

- ◆ 5430-5439 Ring Dove Lane (Ring Dove) – Entrance Sign
- ◆ 5600-5692 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge)
 - Tree Removal
- ◆ 5410 Leaf Treader Way (Kittamaqundi Community Church)
 - Temporary Interactive Art Installation

Reminder, during our building shutdown, 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 July is Wednesday, July 1 and in August is Wednesday, August 5.

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If you know anyone in need of food, personal care items, household items, or things for kids during this time, please see the support being offered by the organization Columbia Community Care, 7 days/week from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Swansfield Elementary, Howard High, Wilde Lake Middle, Oakland Mills Middle and Lake Elkhorn Middle Schools.

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