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Please Note: In order to reduce our expenses while Historic Oakland is closed, we will be moving to a bimonthly printed newsletter. The weekly eNewsletter has more current information and so we ask you to please visit our website and sign up on the right side of the homepage.

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Notes From The Board Chair



Lynn Foehrkolb, Town
Center Village Board Chair

Change...it's the one constant that either delights us or throws us into a state of chaos. So here we are in the midst of a pandemic that continues to test our abilities to cope. For many, adaptation has meant staying in place, calling home their office, home school, and culinary test kitchen. For many others, this is a time of loss: of jobs, social interaction, and financial security. This has touched us near and far.

Our beautiful Historic Oakland is shuttered for now, children in our community are uncertain about how this school year will affect them, and our board conducts meetings via Zoom. I walk daily around Wilde and Kitt Lakes and I encourage you all to lift your spirits by getting out in the beauty of spring...with a face mask, of course. These areas of nature remind us that life goes forward and people are still out enjoying it.

I encourage those of you who are lucky enough to be coping well, to remember those who are not. Our Little Free Pantry can use constant restocking and the Howard County Food Bank is in dire need. Those of you who need help, please feel free to reach out to us so we may find resources for you. If you haven't already, please sign up for the NewsFlash, our emailed newsletter. It comes out weekly and has many links to helpful information to get us through this.

Support our local restaurants if you can, so they'll be here for us when we're allowed to enjoy eating out again. And thank those folks who continue to staff our food stores, pick up our trash/recycling and deliver mail.

We'll get through this. Please stay safe, keep your distance and wear your face mask.

Town Center Election Results

Meet The New Board Members Representing You



I am running to continue my service as a board member, having served for the last two and a half years. I am passionate about our mission to maintain quality of life in Columbia Town Center as we face growth and new challenges.

We successfully advocated for residents. We listened and then took action to inform county leadership, developers, businesses on needed improvements for pedestrian safety and vehicular traffic. We provided the resident perspective on the design of new buildings and neighborhood transformations. We supported social causes important to you.

I live and work in Town Center, developing affordable housing. I am an architect and I hold a Master of Real Estate Development from University of Maryland. I wrote my master's thesis on Columbia, including how growth is balanced with the needs of resident families.

I look forward to hearing your concerns and hopes for Town Center.

Kevin A. Fitzgerald



I want to help serve the community that my young family is thriving in. I enjoy where I live and I am passionate about the progress being made. I am eager for the opportunity to participate in Town Center's future.

As a 2018 Graduate of Leadership Howard County I learned and was involved in the pertinent issues facing Town Center and Columbia as a whole.

I found that I have a strong interest in the development of Downtown Columbia. Specifically, its effects on walkability, environmental impact and inclusiveness for all ages, incomes, social backgrounds.

I was born and raised in Howard County. I have lived in Town Center Village since 2007. I am 36, married, with a 1 year old and two dogs. I work in Finance, locally.

I can help bring perspective to the board on the issues that are important to my generation's residents (both current and potential).

Jamison P. Hibbard



I am honored to have served as your CA Representative for the past 4 years. In this capacity I am also the Chair of The Inner Arbor Trust.

During this time CA has renovated many of its most popular facilities, enhanced our path system, and produced a variety of programs for the community.

My role has centered around doing the advisory/supervisory work of the CA Board and spearheading the development of Symphony Woods into a true community park.

Our mission has been to bring variety and inclusivity to the community from free children's events, to sophisticated cabarets, to joyous Columbia Orchestra concerts. Long-awaited pathways will be completed this Spring.

With your support, I want to continue working with CA and the Trust as our Park becomes a memory-making place for the next 50 years.

Lin Eagan

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.

So much has changed since my last report. CA, which collects 47% of its income from people using its facilities, is doubling down on revising the annual budget with no sure date when operations can resume in some capacity. Cuts are here. Grass will be longer, salary cuts and furloughs are already in place, capital projects, except where safety is an issue, are basically on hold. Times are tough, but CA is focused on making it through this crisis and remaining a major resource for the Columbia community.



It's at a time like this that I am so grateful for living in this incredible "garden for people." I don't know of any other city our size that has 36% of its area pledged to open space for the community.

My biggest stress reliever is walking the lakes, watching the water and the wild fowl - the ducks, the herons, the geese - with my socially distancing comrades. Then I can dive into the green peace of our 93 mile pathway system and just get lost. And this amenity is available to everyone, no discrimination allowed.

The Howard County Council amended its Rules of Procedures at its online legislative session on April 6 to assure public access to Council meetings and public hearings during a State of Emergency.

For the current State of Emergency, this action provides for public access, including in virtual hearings, as the Council conducts necessary business. Interested individuals and organizations will be able to participate in online public hearings as the County Council undertakes necessary work on legislation, including on the proposed Capital and Operating Budgets.

For information on public meetings and how to testify at legislative public hearings, visit cc.howardcountymd.gov.

Thank you Jim Rouse, once again, for your incredible foresight that forms Columbia's legacy for generations. And thank you CA, for keeping these special places safe and accessible, even in this trying time.

Funds Assist Community Members Affected By COVID-19

The Community Foundation of Howard County has established the **Howard County Community Relief Fund** to address ongoing emergencies in Howard County. www.cfhoco.org



United Way of Central Maryland
Community Foundation of Howard County

The **United Way of Central Maryland** encourages community members to call 211, which is open at all times, for help finding food or shelter, paying bills, getting care or finding tax assistance. United Way is also working to mobilize volunteers and has established the new COVID-19 Community Fund for Central Maryland to support the community, and in particular, support those who operate on the frontlines of providing help and resources to those in need.

uwcm.org

The **Women's Giving Circle of Howard County** is inviting donations through its Emergency Response Network (ERN) that will go directly to the **Community Action Council** to assist in providing adequate amounts of food to support Head Start families in Howard County.

The organization is matching up to \$5,000 of all donations. The WGC will continue to call on donors through the ERN in the coming weeks and months ahead.

womensgivingcircle.org



It has been reported by a local resident that a person was observed at the Little Free Library coughing, sneezing, and subjecting the contents to contamination.

The Town Center Community Association believes it is in the best interest of the residents to close the Little Free Library until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Little Free Pantry is still open. Please wash your hands after opening the door and wash the products you take as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

www.HocoRespond.com



Architectural Applications Approved in March

- ◆ 5625 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – Solar Panels
- ◆ 5671 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – New Roof
- ◆ 5673 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – New Roof

Architectural Application Approved in April

- ◆ 5430-5439 Ring Dove Lane (Ring Dove) – Entrance Sign

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 May is Wednesday, May 6.

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