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Community Events

- Friday, September 11, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**
Back to School Gelato Truck at Vantage Point Park
- Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**
National Night Out at Vantage Point Park
- Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**
Shredding with Dorsey & Wilde Lake (@ Faulkner Ridge)
- Sunday, October 11, 1:00 - 4:00pm**
Vintage Cars @ Historic Oakland



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Notes From The Board Chair



Lynn Foehrkolb, Town
Center Village Board Chair

Our last board meeting marked a passage for Town Center Community Association. We wished Jeryl Baker, our Village Manager of more than 5 years, best wishes, good health and lots of fun in her retirement. And we welcomed Lyn Locke, our new Village Manager, and wished him an easy transition and smooth sailing steering our ship forward in this new age of social distancing. Lyn worked in Town Center for the last three years as Marketing Director at Lakefront Sheraton until its close.

Much of my attention these days is being diverted to the upcoming General Election, voter access, and the Census. COVID-19 is greatly influencing the course of our elections. For those of us worried about coming to the polls, voting by mail will be the best option. Luckily it is very easy to apply online (and register to vote) at <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>. Make sure you ask that a ballot **be mailed to you**, NOT faxed. I also urge the younger segment of our population to volunteer to work the polls either during early voting or on Election Day. I volunteer myself and find it very rewarding. And you get paid!

Response to the Census in our county is 74%, which is great, but we can do better! And it's easy! Just go to www.my2020census.gov to do your part in the counting of our country. Funding for our schools, roads, hospitals, senior centers, veterans, and much more by the Federal government is based on the counts from the Census. And the numbers dictate how many Representatives will be sent to Congress from each state. If you haven't already responded, please do your part to assure the quality of life we all cherish in Howard County.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy Labor Day!

Back to School Gelato
Friday, September 11, 1:00-3:00 pm
Vantage Point Road in front of
Vantage Point Park.

We hope you stop by the truck to purchase a cold, refreshing gelato. *Reminder to wear a **mask** when you order and anytime you cannot social distance while waiting for your gelato.



National Night Out
has been rescheduled for
Tuesday, October 6, 2020



Please check our website, social media, and weekly newsletter for details.

Shredding Event
Saturday, October 10, 2020
9:00 am-Noon
Faulkner Ridge
Neighborhood Center
10598 Marble Faun Lane
FREE for Town Center, Dorsey's
Search, and Wilde Lake Residents
Only

Masks required;
ID's checked



Vintage Cars
Sunday, October 11, 1:00-4:00 pm
5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia

Enjoy strolling among the vintage cars

Tour 1811 Historic Oakland

Sample food at food trucks



Masks and social distancing required.
*This event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Welcome New Village Manager

Please join us in welcoming our new Village Manager, Lyn Locke. He is excited to work with the village, get to know the residents and work on community issues. He is married to Stacey, is a graduate of the University of Maryland with an MBA degree, and enjoys travel, gardening, and golf.



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.

As the County begins the process of updating the General Plan, the CA Board, wanting to be a meaningful part of the dialogue, has convened a Columbia Planning and Visioning Workshop. Led by a team of experts in master planned communities, virtual workshops are being presented from now through October. At our last meeting we had a thorough overview of housing needs and trends in Columbia, the rest of the county, and the region. It was eye-opening. The main outcome was that, without much developable land, Howard County is transitioning. The #1 issue is underbuilding. Only 25% of County residents



who work in Howard County live here, a far lower number than in all surrounding counties. 1100 new jobs annually require 2,500-3,000 new units per year. According to the experts, we need 30,000-40,000 units just to catch up. Focusing on Columbia, our homes are seen as much older, with as much as a 100% premium for new construction. They are also much smaller and more expensive than surrounding counties. This is true for both owner occupied and rental units. And a lack of inventory is causing a spike in prices. Now, we are cautioned, is the time to review our housing priorities and prepare to look at innovative solutions in

September Is International Underground Railroad Month

Harriett Tubman was the face of freedom for those enslaved. She along with many brave Marylanders assisted in the cause of freedom through "safe houses" known as the Underground Railroad. We honor all those who cherish freedom and fight for it every day. Visit the Harriett Tubman Museum in Cambridge MD to celebrate her courage.



Columbia and countywide. The next virtual workshop will be September 22 at 7:00 pm. There is a YouTube link for observers at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_dK8ziWEXsCvjHJGWbQRg

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Architectural Applications Approved In July And August

- ◆ 5600-5692 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – Tree Installation
- ◆ 5507 Vantage Point Road (Waterbury) – Patio Replacement
- ◆ Brighton Ridge Way/Sherman Heights Place (Governor's Grant) — Tree Removal
- ◆ Kittamaqundi Community Church – Bulletin and Display Boards and Labyrinth for Sacred Garden
- ◆ 6008 Laurel Wreath Way (Banneker) – Deck
- ◆ 5675 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – Roof Replacement and Solar Panel Installation

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.

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The Center Fold is published 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. 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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