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## Community Events

**January: Historic Oakland Tours**  
(call to schedule: 410-730-4744)

**February: Howard County Center for African American Culture Grand Re-opening events**  
Date(s) TBD



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## Board News...



**Kevin Fitzgerald, Town Center Village Board Chair**

In September the Town Center Village Board and staff held a retreat to discuss our mission, strategic plan, and goals for the next few years.

Working with a facilitator from Maryland Nonprofits, we utilized recent resident survey information, demographics from Howard County, and the Columbia Association. As a result, our outcomes included a revised mission statement and five tenets to accomplish.

Here is our new mission statement, in keeping with our association's legacy:

*To advocate for quality of life, to increase social engagement, and to foster a sense of community and safety for all in our mixed-use neighborhoods.*

Each board member chose tenets to champion on behalf of residents. Please see our website to read the tenets and let us know if you would like to volunteer or provide feedback on important community issues. And as always, residents are welcome to our public board meetings, in person or via Zoom.

**Happy Holidays!**

Please request a Zoom link for the next Board meeting on January 12 at 7:00 PM by dropping us an email or stop by: [villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org](mailto:villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org)

## 2022 Is Almost Here: Give Yourself the Gift of Fitness!

Columbia Association has some of the best fitness facilities in the entire region. Make a New Year's resolution to visit one today! The best present you can give your loved ones is your presence.

When you take care of yourself and move your body, it boosts your mood, immune system and confidence — the effect on your energy is undeniable.

Columbia Association's fitness clubs offer plenty of ways to make self-care fun, from lap swimming to group fitness to dance class. This holiday season, come invest in your greatest asset: yourself.

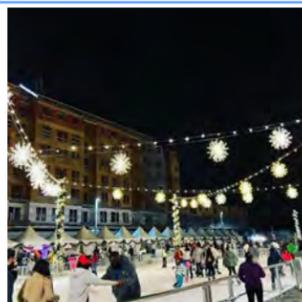
Sign up for an annual membership today and make no payment until **January 18, 2022!** Get started now by calling **410-730-6010**.



## Family Fun at Color Burst Ice Rink!

Visit the Merriweather District to go ice skating at **Color Burst Ice Rink**. People of all ages can enjoy themed events, music and pop-up food and beverages. Or, walk across the plaza to **Busboys and Poets** for a "dining experience for the soul": 6251 Mango Tree Rd, Columbia, MD.

Buy Skating Tickets: <https://merriweatherdistrict.com/whats-on/color-burst-ice-rink/>



## Strategic Tenets - Board Report

The Town Center Community Association worked with Maryland Non-profits Inc. to develop strategic tenets to underly our mission. The following are the top five tenets for the Board of Directors and Association to embrace over the next few years:

- 1) Endeavor to have all members of the Columbia Town Center community be aware of the Association and all the roles it plays; a community resource, event sponsor, advocate, administrative functions, and covenant enforcement.
- 2) Advocate, in a non-partisan way, for Town Center community members and their needs with the Columbia Association, Howard County,

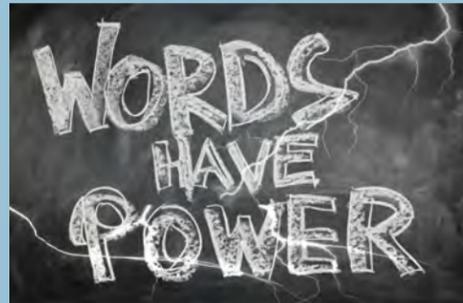
and the State of Maryland.

- 3) Improve diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion of members of the Columbia Town Center community across all socio-economic and demographic categories.

- 4) Prioritize affordable housing options as a key priority in the current and future development of Columbia Town Center.

- 5) Maintain community safety and related programs as an integral part of the continued development of Columbia Town Center.

We are poised for a busy 2022 focusing on these important tenets.



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## 2021 Town Center Community Association Board Highlights

Our volunteer Board members were busy this year working for you to better the Town Center community, increase social engagement in important causes, improve the sense of security and live up to the vision of all members of our diverse community. Some of our highlights for the year which was *"unlike any other"* included:

- ◆ Held and sponsored community events spanning all generations: Juneteenth, craft shows, vintage car show, tree/shrub planting at Lake Kittamaquandi, tree give-away program, yard sales, gardening workshop, music events, wedding showcase, and ice cream socials.
- ◆ Continued support for the Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library, including refurbishing the Library and donating thousands of pounds of food and basic necessities. Assisted other groups in establishing these programs.
- ◆ Advocated for causes and programs with State, Local and County Officials that included improving roads and safety, providing adequate funding for schools, adding directional/safety signs, commenting on new residential and commercial development and supporting local school and food assistance programs including the Howard County Food Bank.



- ◆ Founding community partner of The 3rd that advocates for the big ideas and programs to benefit women of color and the entire community.

## Safety Tips From Howard County Police

- 1) Dial **911 for emergencies**. Callers can request to remain anonymous.
- 2) Non-emergencies dial **410-313-2200**.
- 3) File reports: Go to: [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org). If you do NOT report it, then HCPD can not investigate it.
- 4) Set up neighborhood **text groups** to alert each other in real time if there are any neighborhood issues.
- 5) Set up your **NEXT DOOR** account and alert the community when there are issues.
- 6) Set up **camera networks** and report to HCPD.



### Architectural Applications Approved Nov-Dec

- ◆ Kittamaquendi Church (5410 Leaf Treader Way): Install New Sign

**Submission Tip:** include photos and diagrams with your submission to save time so that your submission is "complete" and can be reviewed by the Architectural Committee without delay.

Please email [Covenants@ColumbiaTownCenter.org](mailto: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](http://www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org/covenant-info/applications).

The deadline for submitting new applications to be considered in January is **Wednesday, January 5 at Noon**.



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### Donate Food At Little Free Pantry In Vantage Point Park

- ◆ Soups (pop top preferred)
- ◆ Tuna and Canned Meats
- ◆ 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](http://www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org). Pending exterior alteration applications are posted on the agenda.

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