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## Community Events

March 26; 10 AM –1PM: Columbia Cleans

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

April 24: Wedding Showcase at Historic Oakland



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## Board News...



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

As we move from winter into spring, I would like to tell you about a recent special meeting that your Village Board held recently.

We met to discuss concerns and ideas of the Homeowners Associations in Town Center. There are 13 HOA's here in Town Center, and we can help each other to resolve problems, improve community quality of life and keep Town Center, and all of Columbia, as the place to live, work and play.

Perhaps you might not know your neighbor's HOA's concerns. To that end, the Village board will be creating ways for help each HOA community to share best practices and serve our residents. The more that we work together the more that we can accomplish. From working on pedestrian safety to road conditions and from trash collection to neighborhood "curb appeal," we can share information to benefit everyone! More to come on that. Please stay tuned!

***Our Mission:** 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.*

Please request a Zoom link for the next Board meeting on March 9 at 7:00 PM by dropping us an email or stop by:  
[villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org](mailto:villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org)

## Lakefront North Phase 1 Submitted To County For Review

Howard Hughes Corporation submitted the Lakefront North Phase 1 project to the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) for review in early February. The public will have opportunities to comment on the project at various points during the DPZ review and approval process.

The design of Lakefront North, as presented in the Site Development Plan, is in keeping with the goals and objectives of the Downtown Columbia Plan which was approved by the County Council twelve years ago.

The proposed new project replaces the former low-rise office buildings, and a surface parking lot that is ready for demolition. The density of 775 apartments, 85,000 square feet of restaurant/retail, underground parking and green connections and pathways will encourage walking and biking. The extension of Wincopin will provide easy access from north to south in the Lakefront District.

For more details on the project go to: [www.downtowncolumbia.com](http://www.downtowncolumbia.com)

For more details on the County DPZ process go to:

[www.howardcountymd.gov/planning-zoning](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/planning-zoning)



## Wedding Showcase At Historic Oakland

One of the largest Wedding Showcases in the area is being held on **Sunday, April 24** at **Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, from 1:00 PM to 4PM.** More than 50 specialty vendors will be on-site during the event to include caterers, bakeries, photographers, event planners & more. Reserve Your Tickets on Eventbrite at:

[2022HOShowcase.eventbrite.com](https://2022HOShowcase.eventbrite.com)



# 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](mailto:lin.eagan@ca-board.org)

It's coming up on election season for many of CA's ten villages. Last year, for the 1st time, Columbia found itself embroiled in an all-out blitz from a mysterious group named The Rouse Project. Focused solely on the election of Columbia Council representatives, who then elect themselves as the CA Board of Directors, this mysterious group lavished money on their own hand-picked slate of candidates. The CA Board of Directors consists of 10 unpaid volunteers so



it was shocking to find that, for the 1st time in CA history, there was a well-financed campaign whose generous funders were anonymous and headquartered in a Baltimore City law firm. A series of city-wide 4 color mailings, signs, poll workers who provided lunch, and lots of social media postings made many Columbians question the RP's motivations. Under the banner of adding diversity to the CA Board, the mysterious funders and the amount of money

spent seemed way out of proportion to the job. Two of their candidates prevailed.

This has been so concerning that Del Jen Terrasa currently has a bill in the state legislature, HB 93, that is aimed at requiring disclosure of funding sources in Columbia village elections.

I sincerely hope that our 2022-23 village elections will be back to being free and open, without the infusion of large amounts of campaign cash from outside interests.

## 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**. 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.



## 2022 Town Center Community Association Election Nominations & Elections

Three Board Seats are up for election for the village Board for the term that runs **May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2024**, and one for the Columbia Council Representative. Village 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 11 – March 4 (Noon EST):** Application period for candidates for Village Board or the Columbia Council Representative. The application and **FULL ELECTION** details are available to review online at: [columbiatowncenter.org/elections](http://columbiatowncenter.org/elections)

**March 4 (Noon EST):** 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](mailto:VillageManager@ColumbiaTownCenter.org). (Statements should be in a Microsoft Word format)

Note: You must be a resident of Town Center to run and serve on the Board.



### Architectural Applications Approved Jan-Feb

- ◆ 5065 Amesbury Drive (Amesbury Hill): New Fencing

**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, March 2 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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