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Community Events At The Manor/Park

September 8; 6-9PM: Music Bingo

September 23; 1-3PM: Mike's Gelato (at the Park)

October 1; 12-3PM: Howard County Center of African American Culture Re-opening

October 22; 9AM-12PM: Shredding 10598 Marble Faun Lane



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Board News...



Lynn Foehrkolb, Town Center Village Board Chair

August is that one last-surge-of-summer month, where everyone seems to be taking vacation and laying low, but not so for Town Center. This has been a pretty busy month for us. We've finalized our EIC Mission Statement (find it on our website), held our Annual Night Out in Vantage Point Park, and held our quarterly Town Center Condo Board Presidents' Meeting, along with attending some fun events in Symphony Woods and Colorburst Park. But now it's back to business for September and that means kids are back to school and safety is paramount on our roadways. Please be mindful of this change and slow down while riding through our neighborhoods and town.

The coming of Fall also brings a season of planting. Yes, it's the best season for planting trees, shrubs and perennials! If you don't have a green thumb, but are interested in making your landscape more sustainable, I urge you to think about becoming more aware of the environment and how your yard could positively impact it. At a recent TCCA meeting, Katherine McCarter presented Columbia Association's Yards Alive, a program established to bring sustainable landscaping practices to everyday homeowners. Their message is basically: less grass + more native plants = increased pollinators and song-birds, and better soil health.

As an avid gardener without a yard, I would really love to see a program like this develop in our Village and would personally help get it started. If you are interested, please contact our Village Manager, Lyn Locke (villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org), and we'll get the ball rolling.

In the interim, Town Center is in the process of "Adopting-A-Spot" to maintain along the Lake Kittamaquindi path in conjunction with Columbia Association's certified Weed Warrior Program. And yes, I am a proud Weed Warrior! Watch for our upcoming planting events on our e-Newsletter for this Fall. We'll need all hands on deck to help and learn!

Community Residential Resources & Fun Events

Whether you live in a Town Center apartment, a single family home, a condo or a townhome, there is always something to do in the area! Many events and resources are **FREE**. We want you to get involved and keep our community *the place to live, work and play!*

Top resources for you:

- ◆ Find resources & get involved with local issues: columbiatowncenter.org
- ◆ Learn about fitness, parks, and what is CA: columbiaassociation.org
- ◆ Participate in the "Big Decisions": cc.howardcountymd.gov
- ◆ Get County Government information on anything: howardcountymd.gov
- ◆ Have fun non-stop (just a few of the many great resources):
 - ◆ merriweathermusic.com (Music Pavilion known world-wide)
 - ◆ innerarbortrust.org/events (Symphony Woods concerts)
 - ◆ hocoarts.org (the Arts in HOCO)
 - ◆ howardcountymd.gov/rap (Parks & Recreation)
 - ◆ lakefrontlive.org (Fun events around Lake Kittamaquindi)



Get On A Scooter!

Take a spin on an e-scooter and beat the traffic, help the ozone (reduce car pollution), and enjoy a new way of getting to shopping, to a Merriweather concert, to Symphony Woods or to visit Lake Kitt to relax. Just go to Spin.app and download the app to your phone. Within minutes you will be ready to start your adventure. For assistance call: **1(888)249-9698**. (on every scooter)



CA MATTERS - Columbia Council Report

Summer 2022 was fun, with lots of events in Town Center. At the Lakefront we had July 4th, then movie and music nights, yoga sessions and 'yappy' hour with pets at the Chrysalis in Symphony Woods. And there's more to come this fall. Check out the Columbia Association and Inner Arbor Trust online event calendars.

Occasionally I am asked who does what in Columbia. CA has a webpage outlining the responsibilities of our village, CA,

and Howard County. Please visit the CA website under *About Us*, *Who Handles What*. All three entities have ways for residents to engage. One exciting effort you can influence is *HoCo by Design*, the general plan update for Howard County. Please look at the County's website and join in the conversation.

Resources:

www.columbiaassociation.org
www.columbiatowncenter.org
www.innerarbortrust.org

By Kevin Fitzgerald, 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 kevin.fitzgerald@ca-board.org



Upcoming Events At Historic Oakland/Town Center

Mike's Artisan Gelato: September 23; 1-3 PM

Mike makes great gelato at reasonable prices. Stop by Vantage Point Park and enjoy the fun. Buy a supply for the weekend!

Location: 5440 Vantage Point Road, Columbia



Holiday Craft Fair: November 12

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Eventbrite.com: type Historic Oakland
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Back To School 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) Observe all school bus flashing lights and stop signs.
- 4) Do not speed around schools and observe all signs and crosswalks.
- 5) Set up your **NEXT DOOR** account and alert the community when there are issues that could impact our school children.



Architectural Applications Approved July-August

- ◆ 6080 Laurel Wreath Way (Banneker): New ADT camera & doorbell
- ◆ 10222 Rutland Road (Governor's Grant Master Assoc.): Replace deck with Trex

Submission Tips: 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 with any Exterior Alteration Applications or Letters of Compliance requests. The applications are on www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org/covenant-info/applications.

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

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