



OBCA Happenings in May!

Join us for our upcoming events! For more information or to register, please visit linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage or our website, owenbrownvillage.org/obcaevents.

- On May 17 we will have Blooming Bingo where you can win items to help your garden grow.
- Join us for our second Lego Robotics workshop with Maslow Loom on June 6. Register now to join us.
- Are you a new resident? Come pick up a welcome gift and meet the board at 6:30 on June 9. Feel free to stay and learn about living in an HOA and our architecture guidelines at 7 pm at the HOA 101 workshop.
- We are excited to celebrate the beginning of Summer with our Annual Pool Party on June 22. It will certainly be a fun time!

Annual Meeting-Quorum Not Met

The Owen Brown Community Association’s Annual Meeting was held on April 25, for the purpose of electing one Columbia Council Representative. Absentee voting began on April 1, and continued through April 24. In person voting occurred during the Annual Meeting from 8:30 am until 12 pm. A total of 341 votes were needed in order to reach quorum, but only 303 votes were received. Since quorum was not met, it was announced that a second meeting would take place on **May 12** at 7 pm at the Community Center.

Those in attendance at the second meeting will constitute a quorum, and all of the votes from the April 25 meeting will be reported by the Election Committee.



MASLOW'S LOOM

LEGO ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

June 6th @ 2:30pm

Free, hands-on STEM fun!

Kids will explore creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving through interactive activities, including LEGO® Education kits and other exciting STEM projects.

Funded by the Howard County YEPI Grant and in Partnership with OBCA.



Scan the QR Code to Register




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Blooming BINGO

MAY 17TH @ 2PM

WHERE EVERY WIN HELPS YOUR GARDEN GROW

\$5 PER PERSON



On Sale April 4th

All Ages Welcome. Lights Refreshments Served.



Owen Brown
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OBCA Upcoming Meetings & Events

Plant & Shrub Pick Up	May 2, 10 am-12 noon
OB Cares Adopt-A-Spot	May 3, 10 am
Annual Meeting and Board Meeting	May 12, 7 pm
RAC Meeting	May 13, 7:30 pm
Blooming Bingo	May 17, 2 pm
OB Board Work Session*	May 19*, 7 pm
RAC Meeting	May 27, 7:30 pm
OB Board Meeting*	June 2*, 7 pm
Lego STEAM Workshop	June 6, 2:30 pm
Board Meet and Greet/Welcome New Residents	June 9, 6:30 pm
HOA 101	June 9, 7 pm
Pool Party	June 22, 6 pm

*Dates of FY 27 meetings will be approved at May 12 Board Meeting.

Visit <https://linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage> to learn more or register for any of our events.

Owen Brown Board Bulletin

from the desk of Board Chair, Brad Butler

Spring is in full bloom — the flowers are out, the trails are busy, and the kids are counting down to summer! As we close out the fiscal year, I want to share a few highlights.

Our CA Representative election did not reach the quorum required to certify a result. The outcome will be ratified and announced at our Annual Meeting on May 12th. I also want to welcome Tony Bell to the village board — thank you for stepping up to serve your neighbors. And congratulations to Linda Ortiz-Byrd, re-appointed for another term on the village board. Your Community Association is in great hands.

This has been a strong first full year for our Village Manager. We expanded and refreshed our events offerings — including new events that drew residents of all ages. We meaningfully upgraded how OBCA communicates with residents, including more than doubling our e-Newsletter subscriber list. Behind the scenes, aging technology was replaced and operations were moved to the cloud. We're a more effective organization because of it.

Out at Lake Elkhorn, CA's bioretention project is under construction — it will convert a soggy patch of grass between the pathway and Broken Land Parkway into a natural siting area, with planting expected this spring. Worth taking a walk to check out the progress!

As always, reach out anytime at obvillageboard@googlegroups.com — even just to say



HOA 101

The OBCA Covenant Advisor will provide information on everything from architectural guidelines to applications and more!
Great for residents who are just starting out in the HOA community or those in need of a refresher.



JUNE 9TH
7PM



WHO DO I CALL?

Learn the differences between Howard County Government, Columbia Association and Individual HOA's



CAN I...?

Get a better understanding of our Architectural Guidelines and how to apply for those changes.



PLEASE REGISTER

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Welcome

Residents

June 9th @ 6:30pm

Meet the Board and discover the many reasons
We Love Where We Live.

New residents can register for
a **FREE** welcome gift at
manager@owenbrownvillage.org

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Lake Elkhorn Pollinator Garden Dedicated to Honor Former OB CA Council Representative, Andy Stack

From the desk of Michael Golibersuch, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

There have been three Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors meetings since my last report: March 26, April 9, and April 23. I've summarized the most important highlights below, though there was more activity than I can fit in this space.

Across the meetings, the Board updated many of the policy documents that govern how the Board operates. This was the culmination of a few years of work to rationalize and reconcile dozens of separate policy documents that have been created over the course of CA's history but were never tracked or consolidated effectively. There were not major changes to the way the Board operates—simply consolidating and codifying the way we do business in a single location for better transparency.

The Board also received a presentation containing long-term budget forecasts. CA is currently in good financial position; however, CA's costs have been rising an average of 5% a year while revenue has only been rising 3.5% a year. CA's cost increases are largely driven by rising labor costs driven by broader economic trends - not issues under CA's control. In the coming years CA will need to make hard decisions on tradeoffs: reducing costs by a reduction in services or allowing facilities and services to age without refurbishment OR increasing revenue through an increase in membership rates or the Annual Charge. Neither of those are great options but striking our head in the sand about this problem is an even worse option. The longer CA takes to address these issues, the harder they will be to solve.

On a positive note, the Board voted to dedicate the new walkable pollinator garden currently under construction at Lake Elkhorn in honor of Owen Brown's former CA representative, Andy Stack. The new garden will be a wonderful addition to the lake and provide environmental benefits. Andy served as a volunteer for Owen Brown for over 44 years and investing in our open space was one of his top priorities. I think this is a well-deserved and fitting honor.

Other highlights from recent meetings include a preview of CA's new Natural Resources Management Plan, which will guide how CA maintains our open space, as well as a presentation on enhanced capabilities of CA's GIS (interactive map) capability which is available via CA's website.

On a serious note, the CA Board members from River Hill, Oakland Mills, and Long Reach have all been removed from CA's Board of Directors. This is the result of a month's long investigation by an independent Ethics Panel - with no stake in CA or its board. Their removal demonstrates the remaining board members' commitment to high levels of integrity in CA's governance.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at michael.golibersuch@ca-board.org or stop me to say hello as I walk my brown-and-white dog (who looks like a border collie but isn't) around Lake Elkhorn.



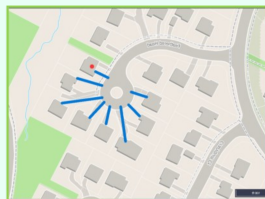
Your place to find friendly reminders regarding property Maintenance

Cul-de-Sac Maintenance

It is the responsibility of all owners in a cul-de-sac to maintain the island. Did you know that you could get reimbursed up to \$250 for landscaping to beautify the cul-de-sac circle? Limited grants are available each spring on a first come first served basis.

Applications for cul-de-sac beautification can be found at <https://linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage>. If you have any questions please email covenants@owenbrownvillage.org.

The photo to the right shows which cul-de-sac residents are responsible for island maintenance.





Owen Brown
CARES
Community Action and Resources
for Environmental Stewardship

Love Where You Live


Sunday, May 3rd @ 10 am

Lake Elkhorn
Adopt-A-Spot #2

Spring Cleaning and Planting

Open to All Residents

Dress appropriately- wear closed toe shoes, long sleeves and pants to protect from poison ivy exposure. Bring your gloves and water.

Meet at the
Lake Elkhorn Path &
Boat Ramp




Interested in joining us or have any questions
contact: Linda Ortiz-Byrd @
Linda96ort@gmail.com

Wine ⁱⁿ the Woods

May 16 & 17



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Owen Brown Community Association

Registration Opens

POOL PARTY

May 4th

DASHER GREEN POOL

LIMITED TO OWEN BROWN RESIDENTS

JUNE 22, 2026 | 6PM

Owen Brown Community Association

BOOK YOUR SUMMER EVENTS NOW!

Whether you're hosting a family reunion, shower, or birthday, we have the perfect room for you.

Rental Rates

Dasher Green 70 (64 seated guests)	Mon-Fri 5 hrs, \$600. Add't hrs \$105.
	Sat-Sun 5 hrs, \$650. Add't hrs \$115.
Hopewell 100 (96 seated guests)	Mon-Fri 5 hrs, \$650. Add't hrs \$115.
	Sat-Sun 5 hrs, \$700. Add't hrs \$125.
Business Meetings 25 (seated guests)	Mon-Fri \$50 per hour

Rental Information

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