



Here's What's Happening at OBBCA in November!

- The monthly Casual Board Meet and Greet is combining with the Owen Brown Cares Adopt-a-Spot this month on Nov. 8. Meet at Lake Elkhorn Path and Boat Ramp at 9 AM. See ad for more details.
- There are still spots available for our Candle Making Class with Candy. Join us on Nov. 12 at 6:30 PM.
- OBBCA is building our excitement for the holidays with three new events. Join us by decorating your house for the Owen Brown Light Fight, or maybe register for our Sensory Santa Visit on Dec. 13, or join us for Holiday Ugly Sweater Bingo (ages 21 and over) on Dec. 12!
- The photo submission deadline for our first Owen Brown calendar has been extended to Nov. 15. Please submit your favorite pictures from around Owen Brown via the linktr.ee.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events. To register visit <https://linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage>

Light Up the Holidays! Decorate your house with festive lights and enter for a chance to win a sweet holiday treat — and even sweeter neighborhood bragging rights!

Lights On December 1st!

Owen Brown
HOLIDAY LIGHT FIGHT

Winner Selected Dec 22nd!

For More Information or To Register Your House 

<https://linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage>

TICKETS ON SALE NOVEMBER 6TH
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Celebrate the season at our Sensory Santa event—a calm, festive, and welcoming holiday visit kids with sensory sensitivities!

OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
6800 Cradlerock Way

SENSORY SANTA

Limited to Owen Brown Residents

\$5 per Family

This event is designed for children who may find traditional Santa visits overwhelming.

- 10-minute private visit with Santa
- Go at your child's pace – no pressure to sit on Santa's lap
- Quiet room available if needed
- Comfort items welcome

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 10AM - 1PM



Please arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled time.

Questions? Email events@owenbrownvillage.org

410.381.0202

UGLY SWEATER Bingo

FRIDAY DEC 12TH 6-30PM

	\$20 per person	Raffles Prizes	
Seasonal Drinks			Free Raffle Ticket with a Personal Care Item Donation for CCC
	21 AND OLDER		
Lite Bites			On Sale Nov 10th

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Owen Brown Community Association

Upcoming Dates at OBCA

OB Board Meeting	November 4, 7pm
OB Casual Meet-up w/Board And Owen Brown Cares Candles with Candy	November 8, 9:30am
OB RAC Meeting	November 12, 6:30-8pm
OB RAC Meeting	November 12, 7:30pm
OB Fall Shrub Pick-up	November 15, 9am-noon
OB Work Session	November 18, 7pm
OB Board Meeting	December 2, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	December 10, 7:30pm
Holiday Ugly Sweater Bingo	December 12, 6:30pm
Visit with Sensory Santa	December 13, 10am-1pm
OB Work Session	December 16

*Please note that our offices will be closed from
December 24 to January 2, 2026.*



Owen Brown Community Association, Inc.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Village Office Staff

Ilana Sambuco-Paul	Village Manager
Susan Sloan	Covenant Advisor
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Nick Bechetti	Asst. Covenant Advisor
Lauren Buerger	Office Assistant
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Village Board Members

Brad Butler	Board Chair
Linda Ortiz-Byrd	Board Vice-chair
Mae Beale	Board Member
Adil Ahmed	Board Member
Vacant	Board Member
Michael Golibersuch	CA Board Rep.



SATURDAY
November 8th
9 to Noon

Owen Brown CARES

Community Action and Resources
for Environmental Stewardship

Love Where You Live

NEW

Lake Elkhorn Adopt-a-Spot #2

Meet at the
Lake Elkhorn Path and
Boat Ramp



We will work on removing invasive stilt grass as well as other invasive vines and weeds. CA is providing the tools and plants for us to plant that day.

Dress appropriately, close toe shoes and bring your gloves as well as water. There is poison ivy around, so wear long sleeves and pants.

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

Wed November 12th
6:30-8pm



On Sale Sept 8th



**Candle
Making
Class**
The Candle Making Experience!

\$25
per person

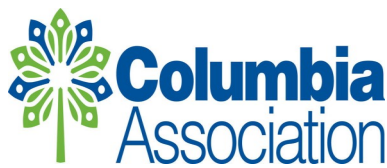
Pour a little
magic and
warmth into
your own
handmade
candles.

Open to ALL Residents that live
on CA Assessed Property
6800 Cradlerock Way
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CA Focuses on Budget Concerns, Revisions to Its Ethics Policy, and Community Support

From the desk of Michael Golibersuch, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

Since my last report, the Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors hosted a Town Hall on September 11 and a Regular Board meeting on September 25.

The Town Hall was a new meeting format the Board of Directors wanted to experiment with. Unlike Regular board meetings - which are focused on internal board discussions - the Town Hall was focused on creating a forum where residents could freely interact with board members and senior CA staff. I have heard positive feedback from the members of the Owen Brown community who attended, and I hope we continue to host these events in the future. However, please remember that you don't need to wait for the next Town Hall to engage. CA has multiple ways of collecting feedback from residents and responds remarkably fast to input. And, I am always willing to take time to talk with my neighbors.

There were three substantive topics of discussion at the September 25 board meeting: a revised ethics policy, quarterly financials, and next year's budget.

The Board approved a revised ethics policy. These revisions reduce ambiguity in the process for accountability, require annual ethics training, prohibit weaponizing the ethics process itself, explicitly prohibit disseminating false information, add clarity to civility rules, and require board members to adhere to each individual village's campaign rules. Overall, these changes should help maintain higher standards of behavior for board members and mitigate the risk of unprofessional behavior harming CA's ability to support the community.

The Board also reviewed CA's financials for the quarter ending on July 31. Overall CA remains financially stable. CA

finished the quarter \$2M above budget due to a mix of higher revenue and lower expenses; although many expenses projected for this quarter will likely be realized later in the year. Despite beating its budget in the first quarter, CA is still projecting a cash shortfall of approximately \$2.9M this fiscal year.

Finally, the Board had its first discussions about budget priorities for FY27 (which starts in May 2026). These were preliminary discussions with no decisions made. Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on their view of budget priorities. Please keep in mind that the budget has to balance investing in multiple competing priorities - CA has no shortage of input on areas to increase spending or decrease revenue but rarely receives feedback on which (if any) services residents think should be deprioritized. The budget discussions will continue throughout the next several months and be finalized in February.

CA continues doing great things in the community. Notable highlights include: renovations on Supreme Sports Club are almost complete; in support of sustainability goals, CA's Open Space team is transitioning to battery-powered hand equipment as older equipment reaches its end of life; and CA has been diligently working with the State Department of Education to find ways to increase capacity for CA's in-demand School Age Services programs.

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

Do You Have a Contractor You Love?

Owen Brown is putting together a list of recommended contractors and handymen based on resident experiences. While the village does not formally endorse or refer specific service providers, this list can serve as a helpful starting point for neighbors looking for trusted help.

If you have worked with someone that you would recommend, please email our Covenant Advisor at covenants@owenbrownvillage.org to have them added to the list.

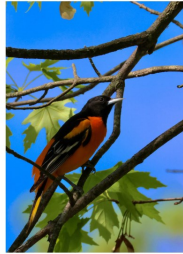
LOVE
WHERE
YOU
LIVE



SO DO
WE!



We're making a
calendar to
celebrate
Owen Brown,
and we need your
help!



Submit your
favorite photo of
what you love
about living here
- the people,
places, and
moments that
make it special.



All submissions
due by
Nov 12th

Selected photo
winners will be
featured in our
2026
Owen Brown
Community
Calendar!

<https://linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage>



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2025 FALL CLASSES & EVENTS



Register today! From tots to active adults,
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perfect for you and your child. Choose from
exciting morning, afternoon and evening
activities that fit your schedule.

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Community
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HOLIDAY
EVENTS
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Whether you are hosting a Holiday
Party, Work Celebration or
Friendsgiving, we have a room for
you.



Rental Information

rentals@owenbrownvillage.org

6800 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045
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Rental Rates

Dasher Green 70 (64 seated guests)
Mon-Fri 5 hrs, \$600. Add'l hrs \$105.
Sat-Sun 5 hrs, \$650. Add'l hrs \$115.
Hopewell 100 (96 seated guests)
Mon-Fri 5 hrs, \$650. Add'l hrs \$115.
Sat-Sun 5 hrs, \$700. Add'l hrs \$125.
Business Meetings 25 (seated guests)
Mon-Fri \$50 per hour

