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ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR FY2021

Dear Owen Brown Resident,

We are pleased to present to you this Annual Report which highlights the activities and services provided by the Owen Brown Community Association (OBCA) during the Fiscal Year 2021, which began on May 1, 2020 and ended on April 30, 2021.

As an owner or renter of property in Owen Brown, you are a member of the OBCA. OBCA is distinct from the Columbia Association, but is funded by a small portion of the annual assessment fee you pay to CA. OBCA uses its resources to maintain and enforce Owen Brown's architectural guidelines, run the Owen Brown Community Center off Cradlerock Way, advocate on behalf of village residents, and organize events for village residents.

Every April, OBCA holds an election to determine the Board of Directors for the coming year, which are volunteer positions. The Village Board oversees OBCA and hires a Village Manager to run OBCA operations on a day-to-day basis.

The Village Board wants to hear from residents. Residents may contact the entire Board via email at **obvillageboard@googlegroups.com**. Board meetings are open to the public and are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Owen Brown Community Center. To confirm a meeting date or for more information in general, please visit our website at **www.owenbrownvillage.org**, or call our office at 410-381-0202.

The office of the OBCA is located in the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way. Office hours are M-F 9-5, Sat 9-12. Limited services are available evenings and weekends when open for rentals.

Sincerely,

The Owen Brown Village Board

GOOD SAMARITAN RECOGNITION

This month we would like to recognize Shane Kigin for his efforts during the Columbia Cleans event that took place on May 1 around Lake Elkhorn. As can be seen in the photo, Shane went above and beyond the expected trash cleanup by removing some large items like a rug that were embedded in the stream. Thanks much Shane and enjoy your gift card to Giant!

Do you know of a Good Samaritan in Owen Brown, someone you would like to see recognized for their good deeds to the community? If so, send us a brief email telling us who they are and why you think they deserve this recognition. Send your email nomination to **manager@owenbrownvillage.org**



COVENANT ACTIVITIES FOR FY21

The Owen Brown Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) members included: Peter Monahan, Richard Gebken, Deb Bechetti, Bill Blake and Marilyn Lepore.

The Executive Architectural Committee (EAC) members included: Sean Hammer, Laurie Weekly, Peter Monahan, Jane Parrish and Vince Miller.

The RAC members review applications for exterior alterations and in-home businesses, and the EAC approves all applications and handles any appeals.

RAC	FY 21	FY 20
Total RAC Applications	526	319
Total Approved as submitted	422	249
Approved w Amendments	74	36
Total Denied	27	27
Total Tabled	0	5
Total Withdrawn	3	2
Total appeals to EAC	9	10
Appeals Approved	7	4

Violations

Total Violation Letters	161	161
Cases Settled at Village Level	111	108
Cases Pending @ Village Level	70	71
ARC cases closed this year	3	10
Cases Referred this Year	14	7

Letters of Compliance

Number of LOCs	143	135
Number Non Compliant	33	32

Thank you to all of our volunteers for their service to the Owen Brown Village.

FY21 FINANCIAL RESULT

Income

Total 01 CA Annual Share	332,849.00
Total 02 Lease and Rental	15,339.00
04 Interest	607.00
05 Special Events	570.00
Total 06 Fees	411.00
Total 07 Miscellaneous	12,484.00
08 Gain/loss on Disposal of Asset	0.00

Total Income 362,260.00

Expense

09 Staff Salaries	154,761.00
11 Contract Labor	1,113.00
12 Payroll Benefits	7,541.00
13 Payroll Taxes	12,898.00
Total 14 Janitorial Expenses	17,5356.00
Total 15 Fees	3,795.00
Total 16 Operating Expenses	7,365.00
Total 17 Business Expenses	901.00
18 Insurance	6,001.00
19 Advertising	483.00
20 Newsletter	28,544.00
21 Other Printing	0.00
22 Donations/Contributions	8,000.00
23 Special Events	30,552.00
24 Taxes	215.00
Total 25 Utilities	21,306.00
Total 26 Repairs & Maintenance	12,337.00
27 Furniture, Fixtures, Equip	<u>1,692.00</u>
Total Expenses Before Depreciation	<u>315,050.00</u>
28 Depreciation	<u>3,321.00</u>

Total Expense 318,372.00

Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets 43,888.00

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS FOR FY2021

1. Submitted input to the Columbia Association regarding FY22 Budget.
2. Appointed Patrick Weed to the Village Board.
3. Appointed Brad Butler to CA Planning Workshop for HoCo by Design.
4. Submitted letter to be sent to the County police and Bureau of Highways to help curb speeding on Cradlerock Way and Homespun.
5. Nominated Ed Warner to CA for appointment to the Watershed Advisory Committee.
6. Donated to the following groups: The 3rd, OMHS Fine Arts Boosters, OMHS Athletic Boosters, One Month's Rent, and Grass Roots.
7. Sent letter to the County Executive regarding the FY22 Budget.
8. Sent letter to the County in support of the new 50+ Center design.
9. Approved funding for plant and shrubbery giveaway to Owen Brown residents.
10. Approved funding to renovate the lobby, bathrooms, and conference room of the community center.
11. Approved changes to the Architectural Guidelines.
12. Approved funding to plant 170 trees in Owen Brown.
13. Sent letter to the County in support of the Lakeview Retail Site Plan.

OWEN BROWN CA REPRESENTATIVE'S END OF FY-2021 REPORT

From the desk of Andy Stack, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

It has been quite a (fiscal) year for all of us, including CA and Owen Brown. The pandemic challenged us and altered many plans. Here is a brief highlight of CA's accomplishments for FY-2021.

1. In spite of starting FY-2021 with a significant reduction in income, CA completed FY-2021 with a positive bottom line (an "Increase in Net Assets") of approximately \$700,000.
2. At the beginning of FY-2021 (May 2020), all CA facilities were closed. At the end of FY-2021 all of CA's facilities (except Haven on the Lake) are open (outdoor pools open this summer).
3. A new Emergency Cash Reserve Fund for CA was created. This will help CA in future emergency situations (like the pandemic). It will take several fiscal years to fully fund this new Reserve Fund.
4. The CA Board approved a budget (operating and capital) for FY-2022 (which began May 1, 2021).
5. CA closed Haven on the Lake on April 30, 2021. It was a difficult decision, but the fiscal situation could not be overcome.
6. Milton Matthews, CA's President/CEO, stepped down on April 30, 2021. CA recognized his seven years of service (see www.columbiaaassociation.org/blog/ca-greater-columbia-community-thank-milton-w-matthews-for-years-of-leadership/).
7. Lakey Boyd was hired as the new CA President/CEO. She started May 1, 2021.
8. CA received a positive report (clean bill of health) from the External Auditors for FY-2020 (May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020). This in spite of all the problems related to the pandemic.
9. CA Board approved a contract with a commercial e-scooter company for operation of e-scooters in Downtown Columbia.
10. The CA Board approved a number of easements.
11. The CA Board, together with representatives from the villages, held seven workshops to prepare for the Howard County General Plan Update. A report documenting the conclusions and workshops was produced.
12. CA completed a new pathway in Symphony Woods from Little Patuxent Parkway to the Chrysalis.
13. The CA Board approved the Inner Arbor Trust's revised concept plan for Symphony Woods.
14. The CA Board approved a CA Virtual Town Meeting for January 21, 2021.
15. The CA Board approved a new Communications Strategy plan.
16. The CA Board approved live-streaming of open CA Board work sessions. CA Board meetings and work sessions are now available on CA's YouTube channel.



Food Truck Friday

Friday, July 23rd
6:00pm-8:00pm



Great food, good music, and cornhole! Enjoy an evening out with your neighbors!

First 250 people will receive one free food item.

For Owen Brown residents only. No registration required.

Event will be held in OBCC's back parking lot and patio.



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**Owen Brown
Pool Party**

Tuesday, August 10th

6:00-8:00pm



Music, games, food, and more!



Enjoy a fun night out with your neighbors!



This event will be held at the Hopewell pool.

Free to all Owen Brown Residents.