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OBCA Happenings in June!

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

- ◆ Register now to join us for our second **Lego Robotics Workshop** with Maslow's Loom on **June 6**.
- ◆ Come **Meet the Board** at 6:30 on **June 9**. New residents can pick up a welcome gift. Stay and learn about living in an HOA and our architecture guidelines at 7 pm at the HOA 101 workshop.
- ◆ Our Annual Pool Party will kick-off summer on June 22. It will certainly be a fun time!

Election Update!

On May 12, 2026 the Second Annual Meeting was held, and quorum was established. The results from the April 25, 2026 meeting were accepted and made official. Michael Golibersuch was elected for a two-year term as the Columbia Council Representative for Owen Brown.

Linda Ortiz-Byrd, and Anthony Bell were the only candidates for the two open Village Board seats, resulting in an uncontested election. They were appointed to two-year terms on the Board of Directors, beginning May 12, 2026 – April 30, 2028.

Thanks to all the candidates, voters, the election committee and OBCA staff for making this year's election possible.

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**Board Meet & Greet:
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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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 YEP! Grant and in Partnership with OBCA.

Scan the QR Code to Register

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POOL PARTY

Registration Opens
May 4th

DASHER GREEN POOL

JUNE 22, 2026 | 6PM

LIMITED TO OWEN BROWN RESIDENTS



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OBCA Meetings & Events

OB Board Meeting	June 2, 7 pm
Lego STEAM Workshop	June 6, 2:30 pm
OB Board Meet and Greet- Welcome all Residents HOA 101	June 9, 6:30 pm June 9, 7 pm
RAC Meeting	June 10, 7:30 pm
OB Board Work Session	June 16, 7 pm
Pool Party	June 22, 6 pm
RAC Meeting	June 24, 7:30 pm
RAC Meeting	July 8, 7:30 pm
RAC Meeting	July 22, 7:30 pm
Hooked on Fishing	July 23, 9am
OB Board Meeting	Aug. 4, 7 pm
OB Work Session	Aug. 8, 7 pm
RAC Meeting	August 26, 7:30 pm

*There will not be a board meeting or work session in July.
There will only be one RAC Meeting in August.
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

The weather is warming up, school is almost out, and Owen Brown is buzzing with activity — my favorite time of year.

We kicked off our new fiscal year with both our annual meeting of the members and the Board’s organizational meeting on May 12th. I’m honored to continue serving as Chair and President, and grateful that Linda Ortiz-Byrd will continue as Vice Chair. We also welcomed Tony Bell to the board for his first meeting as a board member, and welcomed Michael Golibersuch back as our CA Representative following his re-election. It’s a great group, and I’m excited for the year ahead.

We are looking for volunteers to join our Residential Architectural Committee (RAC). The RAC reviews architectural applications from homeowners and plays an important role in keeping Owen Brown looking its best. If you’re interested, please reach out! It is a great way to meet your neighbors, and get ideas for projects.

Our annual reports will be published in the July issue of the *OBserver*, with QR codes linking to the full reports online — which gives us space to provide richer updates and more content. I hope you’ll read through what we accomplished for the community last year!

Out at Lake Elkhorn, CA’s bioretention project is nearly complete — the first planting is scheduled for May 29th, which will begin converting the area between the pathway and Broken Land Parkway into a natural gathering space. A dedication ceremony will be held in the Fall, and we’d love to see the community come out to celebrate. Stay tuned for details.

We will continue to provide updates on county and CA projects in the pipeline as we hear them — including Cradlerock Park, the Cradlerock Way complete streets improvements, and the Dobbin Road multi-use path. As always, reach out anytime at obvillageboard@googlegroups.com.



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

Scan the QR Code to register or visit <https://linktr.ee/owenbrownvillage>



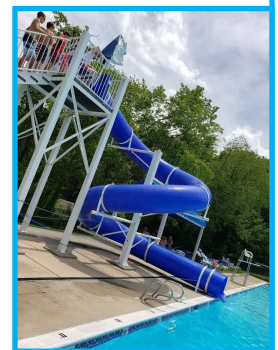
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OB Village Pools Are Open!

Owen Brown's two Columbia Association pools, Dasher Green and Hopewell, opened on Memorial Weekend! Pool schedules can be found on the Columbia Association website at



<https://columbiaassociation.org/sports-recreation/pools/pool-schedules/>. See you at the pool!



Follow Us





Check Out Free Events All Summer Long at CA's Lakefront Live!

*From the desk of Michael Golibersuch, OBCA
Columbia Council Representative*

The CA Board of Directors held its first meeting of the fiscal year on May 14. This was purely an organizational meeting: Collin Sullivan was reelected as chair and I was reelected as Vice Chair.

Please be sure to take advantage of a summer full of free events at CA's lakefront. If you haven't done so already, be sure to check out lakefront.columbiaassociation.org for a full schedule of events. Please stop me and say hello if you spot me there.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who participated in Owen Brown's recent election. I'm honored to have been reelected to serve on CA's board and I look forward to a productive year empowering CA's staff and providing important oversight. Please remember that both CA and Owen Brown are overseen by volunteer directors elected by a tiny number of residents. If you are interested in getting involved in this governance, please don't wait until just before election to learn about how these organizations operate - NOW is the time to get involved rather than at the 11th hour. Attending and observing Owen Brown's meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month is a great way to get involved.



Your place to find friendly reminders regarding property maintenance

Community Resources and Services

Living in Howard County, there may be a time when you are in need of community resources and services.

The Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) provides resources for residents to access the vital human services they need to live their best lives.

You can access the department information at: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/community-resources-services>.

New: CA Watershed Resident Advisory Panel

The newly formed CA Watershed Resident Advisory Panel (WRAP) brings together representatives from every CA village committed to protecting and improving our local watershed. This group was established in response to growing concerns about water quality, stormwater runoff, erosion, and the impact of development and climate change on our shared natural resources.

A central goal of the WRAP is to build awareness and encourage stewardship—providing information through community outreach about watershed health, conservation practices, and simple actions residents can take to make a difference.

The CA WRAP will collaborate with village boards, CARES groups, and county partners. Representatives will share updates on CA's watershed management initiatives and gather input and feedback from the community on the issues that matter most to residents.

Look for upcoming guidance on sustainable watershed practices from the new 'Watershed Wise from the WRAP' contribution to the village newsletter.

The Owen Brown Village Representative to the WRAP is Linda Ortiz-Byrd. For more information: <https://columbiaassociation.org/engage/committees/watershed/>.



Full Schedule of Events

- * 2pm – 6pm – Kids Village
- * 2pm – 6pm – DJ G-Money
- * 2pm – 8pm – Food Trucks
- * 2pm – 8pm – Vendor Village
- * 5pm – 5:05pm -Welcome/Announcements
- * 5:05pm – 5:45pm – Line Dancing with Dancing Diva
- * April of DJM Fitness LLC.
- * 6:20pm – 6:50pm – BFunk Dance Company
- * 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Kyaira

SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTER NOW!



From tots to teens, there's a camp that's just right for your child. Choose from exciting morning, afternoon and full-day camps that fit your family's summer schedule.

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HOOKED ON FISHING

GET READY TO CAST YOUR LINE AND REEL IN THE BIG ONE AT HOOKED ON FISHING! JOIN US AT LAKE ELKHORN FOR A MORNING OF FUN AND FISHING! THE MARYLAND DNR BRINGS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO LEARN FISH IDENTIFICATION, CASTING AND ETHICAL FISHING PRACTICES. THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT,

BEST SUITED FOR AGES 8-15.

Save the Date

THURSDAY
JULY 23RD 9AM
LAKE ELKHORN
PAVILLION

LAKE ELKHORN PAVILLION
9862 BROKENLAND PKWY
COLUMBIA, MD 21045

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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 5hrs, \$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

rentals@owenbrownvillage.org

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