



Here's What's Happening at OBCA in December!

For more information, to register for any of our events or sign up for our newsletter, please visit

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- Celebrate the holidays with OBCA! Join us by decorating your house for the OB Light Fight, registering for our Sensory Santa Visit on Dec. 13, or playing Holiday Ugly Sweater Bingo (ages 21 and over) on Dec. 12!
- You can now pre-order the OB Calendar, featuring 12 photos submitted by residents. Pre-ordering ends December 18, so don't delay. See ad for more details.
- Are you interested in volunteering? Consider being on the Election Committee! See information on page 2.
- Please note that there will not be a January print edition of the *OBserver*. Please stay connected with our e-newsletter—sign up now.

OBCA offices are closed from December 24 - January 2, 2026.

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			NOW on SALE!!!

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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 Residents that live on CA Assessed Property

\$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

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!

Winner Selected Dec 22nd!

Owen Brown HOLIDAY LIGHT FIGHT

For More Information or To Register Your House

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Owen Brown Community Association

OBCA Meetings

OB Board Meeting	December 2, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting Holiday	December 10, 7:30pm
OB Work Session	December 16, 7pm
OB Board Meeting	January 6, 2026, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	January 14, 2026, 7:30pm



Owen Brown 2026 Calendar Pre-Order

Enjoy 12 months of Owen Brown Beauty!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Pre-Order
December 1st



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Owen Brown
Community Association

Election Day
April 25th

2026

🌟 Election Committee Members Needed 🌟

Are you looking for a way to serve your community without a major time commitment?
Consider joining our Election Monitoring Committee!

Each year, the Village holds its Annual Meeting in April to elect the Board of Directors. The Election Committee oversees the entire election process — from February through April — helping ensure fair and smooth elections.

If you'd like to serve on the Election Monitoring Committee, please contact the Village Manager at manager@owenbrownvillage.org or 410-381-0202

Owen Brown Board Bulletin

from the desk of Board Chair, Brad Butler

Fall is in the air! I enjoyed spending some of my weekend with neighbors and volunteers at the new OB CARES Adopt-A-Spot by the Lake Elkhorn boat ramp, clearing out invasive vegetation and planting some native grasses.

As we get into fall, the Village Board has gotten busy again. First, we welcomed our newest board member, Sam Michael. Sam answered the call for volunteers to help guide the organization, and will fill the remainder of a 2-year term on the OBCA Board of Directors. We're happy to have him!

Recently, we've heard updates from CA and Howard County on several topics of interest to the village. Howard County Police restarted their community resource officer program under a new name (C.O.P.S.), and we were able to meet with Officer Corey Frock to discuss his role in providing focused police support to the Owen Brown community. CA has begun installing new signage around Lake Elkhorn, which will complete around early December.

Thanks to everyone who submitted input to the annual architectural guideline update — our annual update will kick off soon. If you would like to contact the OB Board regarding any issue, email obvillageboard@googlegroups.com. I look forward to giving another update after the holidays!



SHARE THE CARE DRIVE

Spread Holiday Cheer — Support the CCC Holiday Drive!
This season, help make a difference in our community by donating a Personal Care Item to support Columbia Community Care (CCC).
Together, we can share the spirit of giving and help every family start the new year feeling cared for and supported.



LOBBY
DROP OFF BOX
NOV 22
THROUGH
DEC 17



Items needed include;
Diapers (Sizes 3-6)
Pull-Ups (All Sizes)
Baby Wipes
Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Shampoo
Deodorant
Disposable Razors
Feminine Hygiene

Please donate new, unopened items only



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CA Refines Budget While Emphasizing Strategic Priorities and Facing Increased Insurance Costs

From the desk of Michael Golibersuch, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

Since my last update, the Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors held regular board meetings on October 23 and November 13. The primary output of the October meeting was to continue the FY27 Budget process and approve strategic priorities for next fiscal year's budget. Overall, the budget will continue to provide the services and amenities residents expect while the following board approved "strategic priorities" will serve as areas of emphasis to guide the budget:

- Work towards attaining a AAA credit rating for CA, funding long term capital expenditures
- Prioritize maintenance of assets
- Evaluate reducing resident costs
- Evaluate affordability of membership plans, rates and service offerings
- Assess CA's compliance with ADA standards
- Increase access to before/after school programs
- Prioritize grant giving to charitable organizations
- Expand solar installations and evaluate programs to reduce resident utility costs
- Enhance and implement invasive plant and wildlife efforts
- Improve website functionality and increase versatility of GIS tool
- Continue to upgrade and enhance IT systems

The staff and Board will continue to refine the FY27 Budget over the next few months before finalizing it in early 2026. Of note, CA is facing several external constraints: CA anticipates healthcare insurance costs to go up 8.5%, all other insurance costs to increase 10%, and increased supply costs due to tariffs.

The Board also approved an updated President/CEO evaluation process and procedure. This should help the board provide more helpful input to and oversight of CA's leader.

At the November meeting, the board discussed high-level parameters for the FY27 Budget. Those parameters include maintaining the current Assessment Charge rate and cap, standard annual merit increases, and a capital budget of \$15M. These (or modified) parameters will be finalized at our next meeting on December 11. Between the two meetings, the board received a few updates of note:

- The Long Reach Village Center redevelopment led by the Columbia Concepts LLC is working through the county's approval process. There are significant details that still need to be worked out.
- CA CEO provided an update on an internal CA reorganization. These changes should result in greater organizational efficiency but won't be observable to the average resident.
- Representatives from the county shared the current plans for the new Central Library. CA Board members raised several pragmatic issues including the impact the library could have on CA's use of the lakefront and the need for the county to closely engage CA.
- Staff provided an annual briefing on CA's support to the ten village community associations. A substantial amount of your Annual Charge goes to villages with over 16% of that revenue being spent on the ten villages collectively, not including in-kind support.

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

Leaf Raking Reminder: Keep Leaves Out of the Street!

Howard County asks residents **not to blow or rake leaves into the street**. While it's not a law, it is a county policy that helps keep our community clean and safe. Street sweepers aren't built to handle large piles of leaves and leaves in the street can wash into storm drains.

Let's all do our part to protect our neighborhood and waterways!



BOOK YOUR SPRING EVENTS NOW!

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

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	



Rental Information

rentals@owenbrownvillage.org

2026 WINTER CLASSES & EVENTS

Registration starts December 3 at 6pm!



From tots to active adults, we have events and programs that are perfect for you and your child. Choose from exciting morning, afternoon and evening activities that fit your schedule.

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