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Owen Brown Community Association



## VILLAGE ELECTIONS COMING SOON: **BECOME A CANDIDATE!**

In April, village residents will have the opportunity to elect **three** Village Board members for a two-year term, beginning on May 1, 2021. These elected volunteers oversee the work of the Association and represent the interests and concerns of the Village to both the Columbia Association (CA) and the County. Candidate Packets will be available at the Owen Brown Community Center or by email beginning **March 1**. Requests for an electronic Candidate Packet should be sent to: [manager@owenbrownvillage.org](mailto:manager@owenbrownvillage.org).

Each candidate must complete the Declaration of Candidacy Form, which requires the signature of ten members of the Owen Brown Community Association. Candidates also have the option of submitting a 150-word statement and photo. The form must be returned by email or to the Village office no later than **12 p.m. (noon), Friday, March 19, 2021**.

For more information on becoming a candidate, please contact Craig Barton, Village Manager at 410-381-0202.



## TREE PLANTING EVENT!

### Volunteers Needed



The village of Owen Brown is hosting a native tree planting event on Saturday, **April 10th** from **10am to noon**. The event will take place near the corner of Rustling Leaf and Snowden River Parkway, with ample parking available at **Hopewell Pool**.

Columbia Association (CA) and the village of Owen Brown will provide trees, shovels, gloves and any other necessary supplies. Volunteers can register with their family or "bubble", and will be placed at a safe distance from other volunteers. All ages and experience levels are welcome, but registration is limited! Please sign up at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yulwjeqn>

This event is part of a larger CA effort to plant **1,000 trees** this year. Thanks for your help in keeping Columbia green.

## OB DATES TO REMEMBER

OB Board Meeting	March 2, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	March 10, 7:30pm
<b>Candidacy Forms (due)</b>	<b>March 19, noon</b>
OB RAC Meeting	March 24, 7:30pm
OB Board Meeting	April 6, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	April 14, 7:30pm
<b>Election Results</b>	<b>April 24</b>
OB RAC Meeting	April 28, 7:30pm
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>May 4, 7 pm</b>

## OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Office Hours

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

### Village Office Staff

	410-381-0202
Craig Barton	Village Manager
Susan Sloan	Covenant Advisor
Meghan Pierce	Event Planner
Kelly Kalal	Facility Coordinator
Tanajah Hairston	Asst. Covenant Advisor
Kelly Carney	OBserver Editor
Joann Allen	Facility Assistant
Elliot Hefty	Facility Assistant

### Village Board Members

Michael Golibersuch	Board Chair
Brad Butler	Board Vice-chair
Vince Miller	Board Member
Robert Golibersuch	Board Member
Douglas Fox	Board Member
Patrick Weed	Board Member
Andrew Stack	CA Board Rep.

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[www.facebook.com/owenbrownvillage](https://www.facebook.com/owenbrownvillage)

## OBCA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Board Chair, Michael Golibersuch*

The Owen Brown Board of Directors held our monthly meeting on February 2. At the meeting, representatives from the Columbia Housing Center introduced their new non-profit which hopes to provide a local rental referral service that promotes racial integration. The Board also made several decisions at the meeting.

The Board made appointments/nominations to two committees. First, the Board voted to appoint three Owen Brown residents to this year's Election Committee which is responsible for providing independent oversight to the upcoming village elections. Second, we also nominated Ed Warner to CA's Watershed Committee where, pending CA's acceptance, he will represent our village's interests in matters related to streams, lakes, and other environmental issues.

The Board approved two letters advocating on behalf of Owen Brown's interests. The first letter, sent to the county and endorsed with the support of a local advocacy group, supported the design plans of the county's proposed East Columbia 50+ Center expansion. The second letter, sent to CA, provided recommendations to CA's budget for fiscal year 2022 (beginning this May). Our input to CA covered ten different items including our concerns regarding CA's proposal to not open Dasher Green pool this coming summer.

The Board also approved additional spending in two areas. We committed money to renovate our community center and make it a more welcoming place in anticipation of fully reopening after the pandemic. Finally, we decided to create several tree-planting projects around Owen Brown. These trees will make Owen Brown a more beautiful and environmentally friendly village. Please be on the look out for announcements on how to volunteer for upcoming tree planting.



### Home & Garden Services



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## CA LOOKS TOWARD OPENING OUTDOOR POOLS; SEEKS LIFEGUARD APPLICANTS

*From the desk of Andy Stack, OBCA Columbia Council Representative*

The CA Board should have voted on the proposed FY-2022 budget on February 25<sup>th</sup> which is after the due date for this article. I will report on the FY-2022 budget in my April article. You can also check the CA Board website [www.columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/).

Regarding the Lake Elkhorn dredging project, the dredging portion has been completed. Restoring the pathway is underway and should be completed, depending on the weather, by March.

The search for a new President/CEO for CA continues. Milton Matthews, our current President/CEO, will be stepping down at the end of April. The CA Board hopes to name his successor by the beginning of April.

Restrictions due to the pandemic remain in place. Unless there is a change, these restrictions will be in effect for the upcoming

outdoor pool season. The restrictions place limits on the number of people allowed, at any one time, in the pool area. For this reason, a reservation system will be implemented for outdoor pools. As the summer pool season approaches, CA will be posting information on its website. One additional difficulty is lifeguards. We need lifeguards to be able to open the pools. Applications for lifeguard positions are down this year. If you're interested in applying for a summer position with CA, see the openings at [us59.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/camd](http://us59.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/camd) or check the CA website [www.columbiaassociation.org/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/).

Howard Hughes announced plans for the next apartment complex in the Merriweather district. These new apartments will be across from the existing Juniper apartments.

For questions or comments, please contact me at [andrew.stack@ca-board.org](mailto:andrew.stack@ca-board.org) or [obvbcarep@gmail.com](mailto:obvbcarep@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

### NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Our Theme for Lent – Walking Together

**LENTEN MEDITATION SERVICES**  
SUNDAYS ON, MARCH 7, 14, &  
21 • 5:00 PM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
APRIL 2 • 7:00 PM

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 28 • 9:00 AM

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
APRIL 2 • NOON &  
7:00 PM

All services can be viewed on our YouTube channel on the date(s)/time(s) listed above (or viewed later as desired)

#### EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4—OUR EASTER SERVICE WILL BE  
AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL  
BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM

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## VACCINE INFORMATION

To date, about 15% of Howard County residents have been vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine. Residents in all Phases of eligibility who are interested in receiving a vaccine through the Health Department are encouraged to complete a preregistration survey at: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/MMAalerts-and-Recalls/COVID-19-Vaccine>.

Please note, when you preregister for a vaccine, you will not receive information to schedule an appointment until your Phase group is eligible and there is vaccine available. If you are a member of an eligible group, and you have an appointment, you WILL receive a vaccine. NO ONE who is a member of an eligible group and arrives with an appointment will be turned away. There is no need to arrive early, as this can cause long lines to form. If you are NOT a member of an eligible group at the moment, please DO NOT make an appointment. They can only honor appointments from members of eligible groups at each clinic.



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