

# OBserver

Official newsletter of the  
Owen Brown Community Association



## RESIDENTS HELP PLANT TREES IN OWEN BROWN!



The Owen Brown Community Association purchased 170 trees to help reforest two areas within the village. On April 10, 30 residents volunteered to help plant 50 trees near the Hopewell Pool. Later that week, an additional 120 trees were planted by the Columbia Association landscaping team at both the Hopewell site and at another location near Tinted Hill. Thanks to all of the volunteers and the Columbia Association for helping make this possible. Pictures on this page feature these reforestation efforts!



### ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS MAY 4

The annual meeting of the Owen Brown Community Association for the purpose of electing directors will take place on **May 4 at 7 pm** via Zoom. Those interested in attending the meeting should contact the Village Manager, Craig Barton, at [manager@owenbrownvillage.org](mailto:manager@owenbrownvillage.org) for the access link.

## OB DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Columbia Clean-up (at Lake Elkhorn) May 1, 10am-12**

OB Annual Meeting	May 4, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	May 12, 7:30pm
OB RAC Meeting	May 26, 7:30pm
OB Board Meeting	June 1, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	June 9, 7:30pm
OB RAC Meeting	June 23, 7:30pm

## 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
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Kelly Carney	<i>OBserver</i> Editor
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### Village Board Members

Michael Golibersuch	Board Chair
Brad Butler	Board Vice-chair
Vince Miller	Board Member
Robert Golibersuch	Board Member
Mae Beale	Board Member
Andrew Stack	CA Board Rep.

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

## OBCA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Board Chair, Michael Golibersuch*

Owen Brown’s Board of Directors held our monthly meeting on April 6th. We had two invited guests. The first guest was Nina Basu, the president and CEO of Inner Arbor Trust who provided a briefing on the plans for Symphony Woods – the plans look like they will provide another great amenity for Columbia. The second invited guest was John McCoy from CA’s Open Space team. John provided a briefing on the status of streams within the Lake Elkhorn watershed and CA’s plans to address the erosion and silt problems. CA is entering into an agreement with a private company to execute a series of stream restoration projects (at no cost to CA lien payers) throughout the watershed. The restoration work will cause temporary disruption to the area, but will provide long-term cost savings and provide a healthier open space. The work is intended to start at the top of the Lake Elkhorn watershed near 108 in Long Reach and make its way downstream – there is no planned work within Owen Brown for at least a couple years.

At our meeting, the Board approved the budget for our next fiscal year which begins on May 1 and runs through next April. Due to financial impacts of the pandemic and reduced income share from CA, Owen Brown will continue to operate on a smaller budget next year compared to most other years. Our cuts are primarily to our newsletter, charitable donations, and events. Finally, we allocated the remainder of our donation budget for the current FY giving \$1,000 to both the Oakland Mills High School Athletic and Fine Arts Boosters.

On one last note, I want to thank Douglas Fox and Patrick Weed whose terms on the Owen Brown Board of Directors ended on April 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope they continue to provide input to our Board and serve as active members of the community. We also welcome Mae Beale as a new board member and look forward to working with her on behalf of our village.



### Home & Garden Services



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## CA WELCOMES A NEW PRESIDENT: LAKEY BOYD

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

May 1 starts the new fiscal year for CA (FY-2022), and this year it ushers in a new CA President/CEO, Lakey Boyd. After seven years of service to CA, Columbia, and the County, Milton Matthews decided to step down. Milton has had a positive impact on CA and Columbia and we thank him for his service. Lakey Boyd brings a wealth of skills. She is a dynamic and forward-looking individual who is excited to continue Rouse's goals for Columbia and to build a better sense of community. You can view Lakey introducing herself at the CA Board April work session at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALHEk-uH1S8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALHEk-uH1S8).

CA's Videos are posted on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCu\\_dK8ziWEXsCvjHJGWbQRg/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_dK8ziWEXsCvjHJGWbQRg/videos).

Fifteen outdoor pools will be open this summer. As you can expect, there will be new procedures due to COVID requirements. Please see the CA Blog concerning what to expect at [www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/what-will-masks-social-distancing-look-like-for-outdoor-pools/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/what-will-masks-social-distancing-look-like-for-outdoor-pools/), and how to use the new registration process at [www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/how-to-use-the-reservation-system-for-outdoor-pools/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/how-to-use-the-reservation-system-for-outdoor-pools/).

The outdoor pools are scheduled to open at the end of May.

CA received the 2021 Energy Star Excellence Award from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy. See [www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/ca-earns-2021-energy-star-excellence-in-marketing-award/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/ca-earns-2021-energy-star-excellence-in-marketing-award/) for details.

CA is posting information via its blogs. You can find various new blog posts at the CA homepage [www.columbiaassociation.org/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/); just scroll down to the center of the web page labeled Latest Posts.

The County Executive has included funds in the FY-2022 Capital Budget to construct the new East Columbia 50+ Center which will be constructed next to the East Columbia Library. It will be an important addition to our community. Construction could start this year if the County Council approves the funds. 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).



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