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6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

It's Back!!! 50+

Bingo & BBQ

Thursday June 23

12pm-2:00pm

Enjoy a BBQ lunch, Bingo & Prizes

This is a free event for Owen Brown residents only, ages 50 or older.
Space is limited and registration is required by going to either
[Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and searching for "Owen Brown 50+ BBQ & Bingo" or
calling 410.381.0202.



All 23 of CA's Outdoor Pools Will Be Open This Summer!

Owen Brown's two pools -- Hopewell and Dasher Green -- will be open on May 28 noon to 7:00 pm thru May 30 and, then just weekends until June 18. For a complete schedule and times for each pool, visit: ColumbiaPools.org.

OB DATES TO REMEMBER

OB Board Meeting	June 7, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	June 8, 7:30pm
OB RAC Meeting	June 22, 7:30pm
50+ Bingo & BBQ	June 23, 12-2pm
OB Board Meeting	July 12, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	July 13, 7:30pm
OB RAC Meeting	July 27, 7:30pm



OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Mae Beale	Board Member
Andrew Stack	CA Board Rep.

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www.owenbrownvillage.org
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OBCA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Board Chair, Michael Golibersuch

Owen Brown's Board of Directors held our monthly meeting on May 3rd. This was our first meeting of our fiscal year which runs May through April. Because this was the beginning of the new year, we focused on re-appointments of our committees and officers. The Board chose to reappoint me as chair/president (I appreciate the trust and vote of confidence), Brad Butler as vice chair, and Craig Barton as the village manager/secretary/treasurer. Similarly, there were no changes to our committees, and we are grateful for the community members who continue to volunteer their time. Our May work session focused on setting goals for the fiscal year. If you have any suggestions for annual goals, please consider attending or sending us an email at obvillageboard@googlegroups.com. One particular topic we would like input on is how you would invest in our community. For example, if you were given \$20,000 that could only be spent helping the Owen Brown community, how would you spend that money? The past few years we have put on several community events, landscaped the traffic circle at Home Spun and Cradlerock, given away plants and trees, organized tree planting in open space, supported our local schools and PTSAs, and donated to local charitable organizations. If you have other ideas on how we could invest in the community, please share with us.

CA is looking for volunteers for photoshoots at all of your favorite CA spots. As a "thank you", you'll receive copies of the professional photos you're featured in. This is all in an effort to make sure our photos reflect the incredible and diverse community we live in and enjoy, so everyone's invited! Learn more about this opportunity at <https://www.columbiaassociation.org/photo-project/>



OWEN BROWN'S TWO OUTDOOR POOLS WILL BE OPEN THIS SUMMER!

From the desk of Andy Stack, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

Good news about our two outdoor pools; both will be open this summer! It took much work and effort, but we have sufficient lifeguards. Each outdoor pool has its own schedule. Dasher Green Pool's schedule is available at www.columbiaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/DasherGreenPool2022.pdf and Hopewell Pool's schedule is available at www.columbiaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/HopewellPool2022.pdf. There will be three free days of swimming at the outdoor pools (you must have a Columbia Card, see www.columbiaassociation.org/membership/membership-information/columbia-card-special-offers/) on Sunday June 12th, July 10th and August 14th. CA will also offer CNSL (Columbia Neighborhood Swim League) this summer.

More good news: CA has given Owen Brown Village an additional \$35,000. CA's annual charge income exceeded projections by about 11% and CA decided to grant each village a share in this unexpected increase. My understanding is that the Owen Brown Village Board will devote this additional funding to our 50th Birthday celebration, other special events, and efforts to enhance village open space.

Other uses of CA's additional income include:

- Adding \$3.1M to CA's Emergency Cash Reserve fund.
- Funding the increase in the Howard County minimum wage.

- Making whole current CA team members who worked at reduced pay during the pandemic.
- Providing retention bonuses.

Summer is here and summer activities at the Lakefront are resuming. It will now be called Lakefront Live!, Music, Food, & Friends. It is great that CA can resume outdoor activities which were canceled due to pandemic concerns. The summer activities at the Lakefront have been totally revamped. CA will continue to offer movies, local music acts and Dancin' Under the People Tree. Additionally CA, in conjunction with the Columbia Festival of the Arts, will offer several internationally-recognized music acts. The activities are very diverse. I encourage you to view the Lakefront Live schedule at columbiaassociation.org/annual-events/lakefront-live/ and attend the activities.

I encourage you to view CA's Blog articles (www.columbiaassociation.org/blog/). They are short articles presenting information of interest to the community. If you are interested in a career with CA, please visit this website: columbiaassociation.org/about-us/careers/.

For questions or comments, please contact me at andrew.stack@ca-board.org or obvbcarep@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.



CA is bringing back all of your favorites – like movies, local music acts and Dancin' Under The People Tree. Plus, you're invited to a new series of internationally-recognized acts produced by the Columbia Festival of the Arts, celebrating the incredible diversity we enjoy here in Columbia. Plus, some of your favorite local restaurants are curating food and drink menus curated exclusively for these headline events. Visit LakefrontLive.org for a full schedule.

