



Food Truck Friday

Friday, July 23rd
6:00pm-8:00pm



Great food, good music, and cornhole! Enjoy an evening out with your neighbors!

First 250 OB residents will receive one free food item.

No registration required.

Event will be held in OBCC's back parking lot and patio.



FARMER'S MARKET IN OWEN BROWN

Did you know there is a Farm Stand in the parking lot of the East Columbia Library, 6600 Cradlerock Way, every Thursday from Noon to 6:00 pm? The market will run until November.



Thursday, August 26th

PAPER SHREDDING
4pm-7pm
Limit 8 boxes per person

Free. OB residents only. Truck will be located in the back parking lot of OBCC.



Owen Brown Pool Party

Tuesday, August 10th

6:00-8:00pm



Music, games, food, and more!

Enjoy a fun night out with your neighbors!

This event will be held at the Hopewell Pool.

Free to all Owen Brown Residents.



OB VILLAGE BOARD RETURNS TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS!

The Village Board will return to in-person meetings at the Owen Brown Community Center starting in July. The Board normally meets the first Tuesday of each month, but the July meeting has been moved to **July 13** due to the holiday week. All meetings begin at 7 pm and residents are welcome to attend.

OB DATES TO REMEMBER

OB Board Meeting	July 13, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	July 14, 7:30pm
Food Truck Friday	July 23, 6-8pm
OB RAC Meeting	July 28, 7:30pm
OB Board Meeting	August 3, 7pm
OB Pool Party	August 10, 6-8pm
OB RAC Meeting	August 11, 7:30pm
OB RAC Meeting	August 25, 7:30pm
Paper Shredding	August 26, 4-7pm

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

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Village Board Members

Michael Golibersuch	Board Chair
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Robert Golibersuch	Board Member
Mae Beale	Board Member
Andrew Stack	CA Board Rep.

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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 June 1st. A property developer, the Abrams Development Group, presented their proposed development for the parking lot of the Woodmere facility at 9891 Broken Land Parkway. Their proposal includes building a 5,000 square foot building on the parking lot that would house two or three retail businesses and a drive-thru restaurant. The Owen Brown Board of Directors is considering taking a public position on the proposed development and is weighing the impact of the proposal including the aesthetics of the parkway, light pollution, traffic impact, and the potential effect on the Owen Brown Village Center and its businesses. We welcome all community members to provide your input on this proposal.

Later in the meeting, we approved the fourth quarter financial statement from the previous fiscal year (which ended in April) – despite reduced revenue from the pandemic, the community association is in sound financial health, and we look forward to returning to a normal level of service this coming year. Next, the Board discussed options for addressing continuing car noise issues in the community – the problem is largely beyond Owen Brown's ability to affect, but we are considering the best way to continue engaging the county. The Board also approved a list of seven initiatives for the Owen Brown staff to pursue this fiscal year including continuing to proactively enforce maintenance standards in the community, improving communication with the community, and planning a celebration of Owen Brown's 50th Birthday for summer of 2022. Additionally, the Board sent a welcome letter to CA's new President and invited her to attend one of our community meetings in the near future. Finally, the Board agreed to resume in-person meetings after meeting virtually for the last 15 months.

Following our meeting, the Board sent CA a letter encouraging them to open Dasher Green Pool, and I testified in support of that effort at CA's June 10th meeting. CA will reopen Dasher Green Pool as long as they are able to recruit the staff needed to do so. Lifeguards have been difficult to hire this season, so **if you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a lifeguard, please reach out to CA and help us reopen Dasher Green.**



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CA INCOME AND EXPENDITURES: REVIEWING A BALANCED BUDGET

From the desk of Andy Stack, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

CA's FY-2022, which began May 1, 2021, and ends April 30, 2022, has a balanced budget. CA anticipates raising \$65,835,000 in funds and annual borrowings and expenditures of \$65,073,000.

Regarding where the money comes from, the budget assumes Sports & Fitness income of \$18,480,000 (28.1%), Residential Annual Charge income of \$28,018,000 (42.6%), Commercial Annual Charge income of \$14,433,000 (21.9%), Community Services Program income of \$2,369,000 (3.6%), and Interest & Other income of \$2,535,000 (3.9%).

Regarding Expenditures, the budget assumes Sports & Fitness \$24,118,000 (37.1%), Community Services \$3,907,000 (6.0%), Open Space Management \$12,846,000 (19.7%), Village Community Associations \$4,918,000 (7.6%), Administrative Services \$3,540,000 (5.4%), Board of Directors \$844,000 (1.3%), Capital Expenditures \$8,000,000 (12.3%), Debt Repayment \$4,793,000 (7.4%), Self-Insurance Re-

serves \$2,020,000 (3.1%), and Contingencies/Other \$87,000 (0.1%).

Note that Sports & Fitness covers all of CA's athletic facilities including the Outdoor Pools. Community Services covers programs serving the community including School Age Services, Camps, Teen Center, Art Center, Columbia MD Archives, Lakefront Festival, among other activities. Open Space covers maintenance and upkeep of all CA's open space areas. Administrative Services covers items such as Accounting, Payroll, IT, Purchasing, Human Resources.

Remember that CA is posting information via its blogs which are available on the CA homepage (www.columbiaassociation.org/); just scroll down to the center of the web page labeled Latest Posts.

Enjoy the summer! For questions or comments, please contact me at andrew.stack@ca-board.org.

FROM ED WARNER, OB'S REP TO THE CA WATERSHED ADVISOR COMMITTEE (WAC)

As the village's new representative on the CA Watershed Advisory Committee, I've learned of a law passed this spring by the Maryland legislature that prevents homeowner associations from banning low-impact landscaping, such as installing groundcover in place of lawns. Lawns are lovely, but they often require pesticides and fertilizers, which leach into our beautiful streams and lakes, leaving fish less healthy for eating and promoting the growth of algae and waterborne vegetation.

This new law's objective, according to a legislative analysis, is to "conserve water, lower maintenance costs, provide pollution prevention, and create habitat for wildlife," such as by letting homeowners create gardens that attract wildlife or pollinators. The law was endorsed by several environmental groups, including the Audubon Society and Sierra Club.

I encourage Owen Brown residents to "go green" by adding some groundcover or habitat, and if you're particularly proud of your effort, to share a photo with me. To share the photo or offer any thoughts on how our village can become more environmentally friendly, feel free to contact me at edwarner@hotmail.com.

—Ed Warner, OB's Watershed Advisory Committee Representative



If you have a child (birth through Kindergarten) who lives in the **Cradlerock Elementary attendance area** (see website for attendance area), please contact the Judy Center about our programs and services. **We want to meet you!**

The Judy Center is a satellite location for Cribs for Kids?. Are you expecting a baby? Have an infant? Contact us to find out more about this Safe Sleep education program.

Our playgroups for birth-4 yr olds are still virtual and meet on Thursdays from 10:00-10:30am. Contact us and we will send you the link.

Our partner, University of Maryland Extension offers a monthly Read for Health Nutrition class for 2-5 yr olds with a food tasting and a free book. Hope you can join us!

Our goal is school readiness! We welcome new families! Check our website calendar for Summer programming and contact us to register. For any questions about the Judy Center or to register for activities please contact us at: **410-313-8224 (office) or 667-257-7264 (cell) or E-mail: nancy_smith@hcpss.org**. Visit judycenterhcpss.org.

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