



# OBserver

Official newsletter of the  
Owen Brown Community Association



## Pumpkin Decorating & Treats!

Thurs., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 6pm  
Owen Brown Community Center

Join us for a fun new twist on fall pumpkin painting!  
Decorate your own social distancing pumpkin!  
Pumpkin, paint, decorations, and TREATS will be provided.



**FREE** event for **OB residents only, ages 6 and older** –  
limited to four guests per household.

**Registration and masks are required.**

**To register**, please visit **Eventbrite.com** and search **Pumpkin  
Decorating and Treats**.

**No in-person ticket pick-ups for this event.**



## OBCA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*from the desk of Board Chair,  
Michael Golibersuch*

Owen Brown's Board of Directors held our monthly meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We had two invited guests at the meeting: Chris Eatough from the county's Office of Transportation and Owen Brown's Community resource officer Pfc. Cortez.

Mr. Eatough presented the county's plans for making Oakland Mills Road safer and more bicyclist friendly. The plans call for reducing Oakland Mills Road from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction, plus a center turn lane. They will also add a dedicated cyclist lane separated by bollards. The Owen Brown Board was pleased to see that the plan incorporated input we previously provided: a crosswalk near the Dasher Court intersection to ease pedestrian access to the Elkhorn Garden plots. Tentatively, the plan is to begin some work in October, pause for the winter, and complete road resurfacing next spring.

Pfc. Cortez reintroduced himself as Owen Brown's community resource officer after being on a special detail for some time. As the community resource officer, he is responsible for providing a familiar face that our community can engage with on behalf of the police. He asked that we call the police non-emergency line or email him at [ecortez@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:ecortez@howardcountymd.gov) for quality-of-life concerns. Of note, we raised the continued issue of engine noise from modified cars on our streets.

After speaking with our guests, we approved multiple financial forms including

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## OB DATES TO REMEMBER

OB Board Meeting	Oct. 5, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	Oct. 13, 7:30pm
<b>Pumpkin Decorating And Treats!</b>	<b>Oct. 14, 4:30-6pm</b>
OB Board Meeting	November 2, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	Nov. 10, 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
Kelly Kalal	Facility Coordinator
Tanajah Hairston	Asst. Covenant Advisor
Shelia Green	Event Planner
Kelly Carney	OBserver 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)

*(Board Highlights,... continued from page 1)*

a regular audit (which did not identify any major issues), our tax return (needed to maintain our non-profit status), and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials.

Finally, the Board held several discussions regarding input to several different entities: the county Board of Education, Columbia Association, and the County Executive.

- ◆ Board of Education: The Board of Education is currently discussing their budget. Owen Brown Community Association is providing written testimony asking that the budget include funds for maintenance and repair at schools supporting our community. Notably, Oakland Mills High School has over \$100M in overdue maintenance.
- ◆ Columbia Association: Columbia Association is reviewing its priorities and operations and the new President, Lakey Boyd, has solicited village input. In response, Owen Brown approved feedback highlighting: areas we would like to see CA invest in including improved path infrastructure, an Owen Brown Dog Park, and enhanced open space maintenance; current CA shortfalls including unequal distribution of funding to the ten villages; and challenges including clearly articulating CA's role in the community and the impact county zoning and development decisions have on Columbia.
- ◆ County Executive: The Office of the County Executive solicited our input on issues important to our community. Owen Brown identified several areas for county investment including funding complete streets initiatives that will improve pedestrian access along and across Snowden River and Dobbin Road, adequate funding for our schools, ensuring construction of the East Columbia 50+ Center, and funding stump removal and tree planting on county property along our roads.



## Home & Yard Services



### Leaf Removal

### Property Clean-up

### Landscape Lawn Mulch Tree

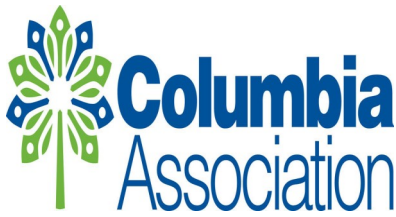
### Gutters Paint Roof Wood

### Fence Deck Weeding

### Whole house clean-out to sell/rent

**Call Mike 410-290-9728**





## DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA CONTINUES TO DEVELOP

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

Development in Downtown Columbia continues. Howard Hughes Corporation is proposing to construct a new, six-story medical office building on the south side of Whole Foods. This building, called the South Lake Medical Office Building, will be located in the lower parking lot next to the lake and will have a two-story parking deck with 4 stories above the parking deck. A public terrace will provide access to the lake.

The Mall is proposing to remove the existing pedestrian bridge over Little Patuxent Parkway (LPP) and construct a new pathway. The existing bridge is 50 years old and deteriorating. The new pathway will run from the existing office building to LPP at the entrance to the road serving Whole Foods. A crosswalk will be installed to allow crossing LPP.

The new Marlow apartment building (behind Merriweather) is under construction. It will be very similar to the exist-

ing Juniper apartment building. The Busboys & Poets restaurant should open in October.

In case you were unaware, CA offers the CA Points Program which provides an opportunity for students to earn memberships to CA for themselves and their families - based on a combination of school location, income qualifications, school attendance, and good grades. Details are available at [www.columbiaassociation.org/community-program/ca-points-program/](http://www.columbiaassociation.org/community-program/ca-points-program/).

Be part of the Columbia Conversation (see [www.columbiaconversation.org/](http://www.columbiaconversation.org/)). This is a project of CA to engage with the Columbia Community.

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.



## OWEN BROWN CARES!

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

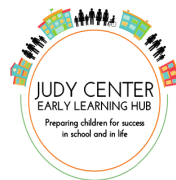
The Owen Brown Village Board has approved a new group to promote environmental stewardship in the Owen Brown community. Called Owen Brown CARES, the group is patterned after Wilde Lake CARES, which has a Facebook page, and does neighborhood cleanups and tree-plantings, among other activities. Our Village CARES will soon take on similar tasks! However, Owen Brown CARES is presently only an email list on Google Groups; any Village resident can go to [groups.google.com](http://groups.google.com), search on Owen Brown CARES and hit "Join" to become a member. (If that doesn't work, send me an email at [edwarner@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarner@hotmail.com).) Through the list, Owen Brown CARES members will learn of environmental issues affecting the Village and of land-care best practices.

Owen Brown CARES also takes inspiration from an earlier Owen Brown environmental group, CLEER, which began around 2005 to promote environmentally sound maintenance of the shores of Lake Elkhorn. The group got the Owen Brown Watershed Management Plan created and had a hundred or more community members before it disbanded.

The accomplishments of Owen Brown CARES' predecessors are big ones, but if Village residents join the Owen Brown CARES email list, they'll learn ways to keep their Village cleaner and greener!

Visit our website [judycenterhcpss.org](http://judycenterhcpss.org)

Follow us on Twitter  
@hcpssjudycenter



If you have a child (birth through Kindergarten) who lives in the **Cra-derock 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. Call or email us for details.

Our playgroups for 2-4yr olds are still virtual and meet on Thursdays from 10:00-10:30am. October 7, 14, 21 and 28. **Contact us and we will send you the link.**

Our partner, University of Maryland Extension offers a monthly Read for Health Nutrition class for 2-5yr olds with a food tasting and a free book. Hope you can join us on October 13.

Our goal is school readiness. Check our website calendar for all FALL programming and contact us to register. For any questions or to register for activities please contact us at: **410-313-8224 (office)** or **E-mail: [nancy\\_smith@hcpss.org](mailto:nancy_smith@hcpss.org)**.



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