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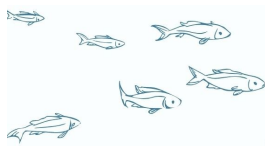
Official newsletter of the Owen
Brown Community Association

6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

ELECTION RESULTS ARE OFFICIAL!

On May 7, the second attempt at an Annual Meeting was held, and quorum was established. The results from the April 20 meeting were accepted and made official. Michael Golibersuch was elected for a two-year term as the Columbia Council Representative for Owen Brown. Here are the actual votes received by both candidates: Michael Golibersuch (128) and William Campbell (51).

Thanks to both of the candidates, the election committee, and to everyone who voted for making this year's election possible.



HOOKED ON FISHING

TUESDAY JULY 9TH 9-11AM
LAKE ELKHORN PAVILLION

GET READY TO CAST YOUR LINE AND REEL IN THE BIG ONE AT HOOKED ON FISHING! JOIN US AT LAKE ELKHORN FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FISHING! THE MARYLAND DNR BRINGS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO START YOUR FISHING JOURNEY. LEARN FISH IDENTIFICATION, CASTING AND ETHICAL FISHING PRACTICES. THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT, BEST SUITED FOR AGES 8-15.



Registration opens
June 1st

Registration required. Scan the QR
Code to register. Space is limited.

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LAKE ELKHORN PAVILLION
9862 BROKENLAND PKWY
COLUMBIA, MD 21045

50+BBQ & BINGO

Wednesday June 26th
12-2pm

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.

PRIZES | BBQ | FUN

Registration opens June 1st
Scan the QR code or call the office to register



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OB DATES TO REMEMBER

OB Board Meeting	June 4, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	June 12, 7:30pm
OB Board Work Session	June 18, 7pm
OB RAC Meeting	June 26, 7:30pm
50+BBQ & Bingo	June 26, 12-2pm
OB RAC Meeting	July 10, 7:30pm
OB Board Work Session	July 16, 7pm
Hooked on Fishing	July 9, 9-11am
OB Pool Party	July 30



OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Brad Butler	Board Chair
Linda Ortiz-Byrd	Board Vice-chair
Robert Golibersuch	Board Member
Mae Beale	Board Member
Michael Golibersuch	CA Board Rep.

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OBCA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

from the desk of Board Chair, Brad Butler

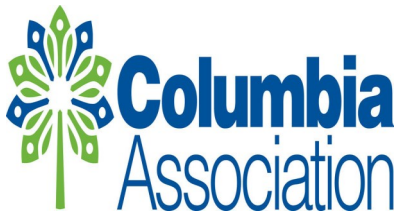
Spring is in full bloom, and Owen Brown is in a new fiscal year. The Board of Directors met to get organized for the year, and made several routine nominations. With Michael Golibersuch now representing Owen Brown on the Columbia Association board, my peers on the Owen Brown Board nominated me to chair the Owen Brown Board this year. I have big shoes to fill, and will do my best to keep you as well informed as Mike has the past several years.

In addition to appointing our own officers, we re-appointed our Residential Architectural Committee (RAC) and Executive Architectural Committee (EAC) members for the new year. After stepping back from the CA board, Andy Stack has joined our EAC. We are always looking for volunteers to join the RAC and aid in approving architectural applications - please reach out if you are interested. We also nominated Mae Beale to represent Owen Brown on the CA Aging Well Advisory Group, and we appointed prior board member Linda Ortiz-Byrd to fill a vacant board seat.

During resident speak-out, a resident expressed concern that tree removal was being done without adequate replanting. Trees are an important feature of Owen Brown, and our founding documents are very protective of trees. If you plan to remove a tree, be sure to review the architectural guideline section on trees and reach out in advance to make sure all of the guidelines are met and an application is approved before removing the tree.

Lastly, Owen Brown is still in negotiations with Columbia Association over the way villages are funded. The current formula disadvantages Owen Brown. CA previously committed to renegotiating during FY24 but did not meet that commitment for a variety of reasons. We're optimistic that we'll come to a mutually beneficial agreement during FY25 but have not yet reached an agreement.

Thanks to the community and my fellow board members for entrusting me to share these updates each month. I look forward to sharing another update soon.



CA ELECTS BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR AND APPOINTS MEMBERS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

From the desk of Michael Golibersuch, OBCA Columbia Council Representative

The CA Board of Directors held its organizational meeting on May 9th. This meeting only serves to organize the Board for the coming year. At this meeting the following decisions were made:

- Bill Santos was elected Chair
- Collin Sullivan was elected Vice Chair
- Reg Avery, Karin Emery, and Eric Greenberg were appointed to the Audit Committee which oversees the financial audits of CA and ethics complaints
- Ashley Vaughan, Skye Anderson, and I were appointed to the Risk Committee which oversees CA's self-insurance

- Reg Avery was appointed to the board of Inner Arbor Trust which oversees Symphony Woods

The discussion around chair and vice chair was unfortunately contentious with multiple tied votes. I attempted to offer concessions and compromise solutions but those were not accepted. In the end, I am confident Bill and Collin will do an effective job and I hope the board can move forward in a collaborative manner.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came out to vote and for the community's vote of confidence in me in the recent election. Please reach out to me with any questions about CA or the Board.



Columbia Association (CA) is proud to once again present *Lakefront Live*, providing more than 60 free events at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. This summertime staple returns with long time favorites and new additions that aim to reflect and welcome our diverse Columbia community.

Lakefront Live once again features a series of special celebration nights with regionally, nationally and internationally recognized performers produced by the Merriweather Arts & Culture Center (MACC). Those include:

- ◆ Saturday, June 1 - Columbia's birthday featuring The Boneshakers with special guest and Howard County native Deanna Bogart
- ◆ Wednesday, June 19 – Juneteenth block party (in partnership with The 3rd, MACC, Downtown Columbia Partnership and Howard Hughes) featuring DuPont Brass and a full day of fun
- ◆ Thursday, July 4 – July 4th celebration and fireworks (co-hosted by Howard County Government) featuring Big Joe & The Dynaflores and Quitapenas
- ◆ Thursday, July 25 – Prepare for Success school supply drive featuring Sons of Mistro
- ◆ Thursday, August 8 – Amped up evening and earbud giveaway featuring Zach Pearson
- ◆ Saturday, August 24 – Teacher appreciation night featuring Deborah Bond

All headliner shows start at 7pm. The Collective Offshore (located in the former Clyde's restaurant space) will offer food and drink at every headline show. CA encourages everyone to RSVP for these featured acts.

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Owen Brown CARES*

*Community Action and Resources for Environmental Stewardship

Owen Brown has two Adopt-a-Spots sponsored by Weed Warriors and OB CARES. You may have seen these spots while walking around our beautiful pathways. One at Lake Elkhorn and one currently being planted in Dasher Green. What is a Weed Warrior? What is an Adopt-a-Spot? You may be asking yourselves.

Weed Warriors are dedicated Columbia residents who care about the environment and protecting our native plant resources. They have to complete CA's training program and meet specific requirements to become Certified volunteer leaders and may supervise and "lead" groups of volunteers onto open space to perform designated invasive weed removal tasks.

Weed Warriors may also work independently in open space. Transforming areas of open space from tangles of invasive vines and thorns into areas with blooms and plants that support birds and pollinators is a very rewarding experience. Certified Weed Warriors can participate in CA's Adopt-a-Spot program to help Columbia's ecosystem thrive. The program recognizes spots in open space where Weed Warriors have been removing non-native invasive plants and replacing them with native plants. Weed Warriors can also work with CA staff and select new spots to "adopt". Across Columbia these dedi-

cated residents are working together having fun while helping our ecosystem flourish. If you see us out on the pathways working in our Adopt-a-Spots, stop and say hi. You can email linda96ort@gmail.com if you have any questions about CARES, Weed Warriors or our Adopt-a-Spots.

As shown in the photos below, Owen Brown CARES assisted with the Owen Brown Community Association's annual plant give away in April. Volunteers handed out portable pollinator kits and answered questions. Three Master Gardeners from the University of Maryland Extension program were on hand providing information on pollinators and native plants.

