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Greetings!

As we settle into 2015, I wanted to take a moment to let you know about some opportunities to participate early on in County's Budget process, as well as give you a brief overview on the new FY2016 Capital Budget items that have a direct impact on District 3.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

Legislative Public Hearing
February 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Legislative Pre-file due
February 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Work Session
(if needed)
February 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Session
March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting
March 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Planning Board to Hold Hearing on the FY2016 Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

The Howard County Planning Board will hold public hearings on the initial version of the County's proposed FY2016 Capital Budget. This initial request represents the requests by County agencies for inclusion in the Executive's draft FY16 Capital Budget. The hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2015 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building at 5:30p.m. The Planning Board will then use this testimony to make recommendations only about those that are new and substantially changed to the County. You can find a copy of this initial budget at [2016 Capital Budget and Ten Year Capital Improvement Program](#). A list of new and substantially changed Capital Projects can be found on the County's website at [New/Changed Projects only](#). You can view a hard copy of the 2016 Capital Budget and Ten Year Capital Improvement Program at any one of the branches of the Howard County Library or at the Department of Planning and Zoning. As always, we would appreciate it if you would copy us at jtterrasa@howardcountymd.gov on any written testimony you may have so we can advocate for these projects.

Since the Planning Board is only making recommendations on new and substantially changed projects, we recommend you also email the Executive directly at akittleman@howardcountymd.gov.

Please see pages 3-4 of this newsletter for a brief description of select new and substantially changed projects that have a direct impact on District 3.

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State Delegation to Hold Public Hearing



The Howard County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly, chaired by Delegate Frank Turner and Senator Guy Guzzone, will hold a public hearing for citizen input on state-wide issues that may be considered by the legislature during the upcoming legislative session. The hearing is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, February 11th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Banneker Room, George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD

The delegation will hear testimony from the public on any statewide issue they would like to bring to the delegation's attention, except any Howard County local bills that were given a public hearing previously. Any individual may speak for up to 3 minutes as long as they are signed up. Signup will begin at 6:45pm in the Banneker Room and will close at 7:20pm. **Advance signup is not available.** The delegation encourages you to bring written copies of your testimony (preferably 15) to distribute, though it is not a requirement to speak.

For further information, contact Dan Furman at the Howard County Delegation office at (410) 841-3360 or hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

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Select New & Substantially changed Capital Projects affecting D3 in the proposed FY2016 Capital Budget

General County

C0344-FY2016 – SOUTHEAST INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

A project to plan, design and construct a series of infrastructure improvements targeted within the southeast area of the Route 1 corridor. Projects will advance community, economic and environmental sustainability goals. Infrastructure includes storm water management, sidewalk and biking facilities, transit and community open space.

Drainage

D1171-FY2016 – CISELL AVENUE-HADDAWAY PLACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

A project to acquire the necessary easements of the drainage channel that travels behind the homes of Cissell Avenue and Haddaway Place. The County owns a storm drain system that travels about one-half of the way down this drainage channel. The storm drain outlets into a natural channel. The natural channel has become clogged with bamboo. This project will acquire easements along the channel area so that the Bureau of Highways is able to maintain the channel by removing the bamboo. Work may include providing a storm drain or clearing drainage impediments in the channel.

D1172-FY2016 – DORSEY RUN TRIBUTARY STORM DRAIN REPAIR

A project to repair the storm drain that carries drainage from the MD175 area just east of US1 through and from the Columbia East Marketplace to the outfall just south of Assateague Drive and adjacent to US1.

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Education

E1036-FY2016 – OAKLAND MILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIMITED RENOVATION

The Oakland Mills Middle School project will renovate the existing facility. The project calls for a limited renovation of the existing building in accord with recommendations of a future feasibility study or scope of work review. Renovation may include new electrical, mechanical, plumbing, technology, roofing, and life safety systems as applicable per the scope of work. Some interior spaces will be reconfigured, new finishes provided, accessibility improved, and new spaces added as required, bringing the facility into compliance with the Howard County Public School System Guidance Manual for Renovations and Modernizations of Existing Schools.

E1038-FY2016 – PLANNING AND DESIGN

The Planning and Design project has been established to provide funding for feasibility studies prior to the funding of individual projects. During the concept development stage, each project is summarized, supporting documentation is gathered, and necessary approvals are obtained before construction begins. A feasibility study provides the analysis to determine the scope and breadth of a project under consideration.

E1039-FY2020 – NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #43

The New Elementary School #43 will be a new facility. The Southeast region is projected to be at 121% capacity utilization in 2023. The complete scope of this project is defined by the BOE approved construction documents (CD) brochure (see Policy 6020 in the Supporting Data Section for a complete description of the process) and any change orders approved subsequent to submittal of the CD brochure.

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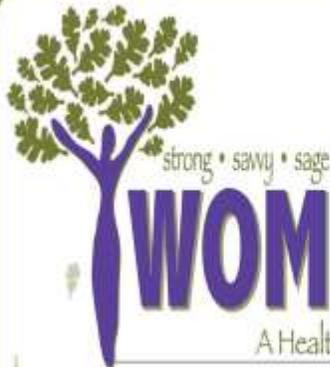


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A signature event designed to inspire women to live a more balanced, healthier and fulfilled life!

Saturday, April 25, 2015
10 am - 3 pm

Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood
2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723

Don't miss the
7th Annual WomenFest!

Build Your Healthy Tomorrow, Today!

Featuring keynote speaker, Lynne Brick, president, Brick Bodies Fitness Services, Inc.

Plus, workshops on self-defense, heart health, painting on canvas, financial wellness, and keeping relationships strong!

There's something for everyone at WomenFest!

Bring your mom, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, and friends for a day of fun and shopping featuring 90+ vendors, informative seminars, important health screenings, door prizes and more!



www.howardcountyyaging.org/womenfest

Vendors and Exhibitors are Needed!

Do you offer products and/or services that promote health, wellness, fashion, and beauty and are designed to inspire women to live a more balanced, healthy, and fulfilled life? If so, then be sure to apply for a spot at this year's Department of Citizen Services' WomenFest. Back for its 7th consecutive year, this is a signature wellness event for women. Admission and parking are free!

Vendor and exhibitor applications, sponsorship opportunities and full event details are available online at www.howardcountyyaging.org/WomenFest. Applications may be faxed to 410-313-5950 or mailed to: WomenFest 2015, c/o Donna Tugwell, Howard County Office on Aging, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 211, Columbia, MD 21046.

For more information about WomenFest, follow the Department's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HoCoCitizen) or contact Courtney Barkley at 410-313-5957 or cbarkley@howardcountymd.gov.

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Howard County Seeks Nominations for Excellence in Programs for Children

Executive Kittleman and the County's Department of Citizen Services are seeking nominees of people, programs and businesses that make a positive impact on the lives of Howard County children for the 16th annual "Celebrating Successes for Children" awards program.

"Let's applaud those who do positive things for our children by submitting a nomination form today," said County Executive Kittleman. "Thanks to the hard work and dedication of those who teach, nurture, inspire and safeguard our children on a daily basis, we are ensuring a better future for Howard County's youth."

Coordinated by the Department's Office of Children's Services, the awards program honors people, programs or businesses that make a difference and serve children in one of the following categories:

- Infants and Toddlers (0-3 years)
- Preschool-Age Children (3-5 years)
- Elementary-Age Children (Kindergarten through 5th)
- Middle School-Age Children (6th through 8th)
- High School-Age Children (9th through 12th)
- Mixed-Aged Group (person or program that works with children of different ages)
- ♦ Making a Difference Youth Award (an individual under age 18 who has made a difference in the community)
- Family-Friendly Business Award (a Howard County business – NOT child care – that stands out because of its policies or service to children and families)



While an individual nominee does not have to be a resident of Howard County, he or she must serve Howard County children; however, program or business nominees must be located in Howard County. Nominations are due by Friday, March 13.

To request a nomination form, contact the Office of Children's Services at 410-313-1940 or email children@howardcountymd.gov. Nomination forms are also available online at www.howardcountymd.gov/CelebratingSuccesses. All nominations must be emailed, faxed (410-313-1430), delivered or postmarked by Friday, March 13.

Nominees will be recognized at the County's 16th annual "Celebrating Successes for Children" ceremony on Tuesday, April 28 at Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane in Clarksville.

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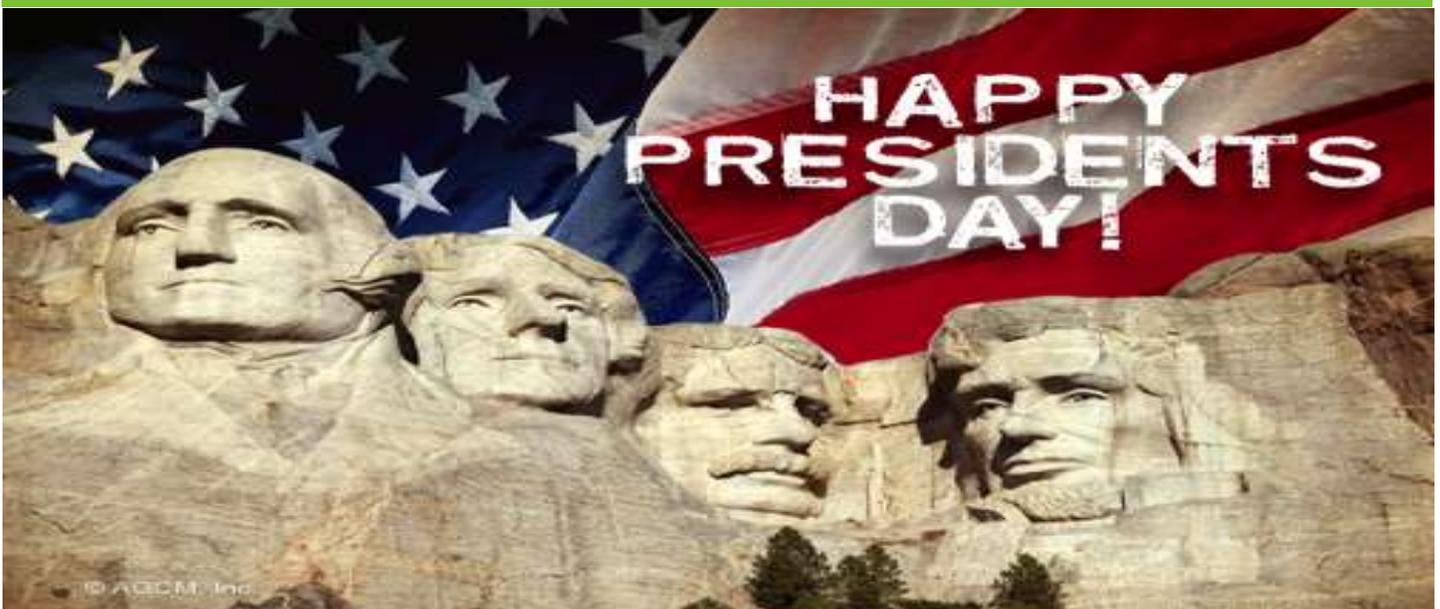


Celebrating Columbia 50th Birthday Exhibit

An exhibit which traces the events leading up to Columbia's official beginning on June 21, 1967 can be viewed at the Columbia Archives until May 2015. The Archives is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 10227 Wincopin Circle in downtown Columbia in the American City Building. This is the third exhibit in the "Celebrating Columbia: 50 Years Ago Today" series. For more information [click here](#).

Affordable Care Act

February 15th is the last day to enroll for health care! Join one of the outreach efforts to help make sure everyone in Howard County has health insurance. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been supporting the outreach each week. So many people who have gotten information have gone on to sign up for health care! For more information [click here](#).



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