



Greetings!

The kids are back in school, and Labor Day is around the Corner. But with Summer winding down there are still an array of activities going on in Howard County. See below to find out what's happening in your area!

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Upcoming Council Meetings

Amendment Pre-File due
September 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Session
September 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Special Work Session
Affordable Housing

September 8
(After Legislative Session)

Public Hearing
September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Legislative Pre-file Due
September 24 at 2:00 p.m.

County Council to Discuss Affordable Housing in Downtown

The Downtown Columbia Plan adopted by the County Council in 2010 calls for a full spectrum of housing in Downtown Columbia. However, despite extensive efforts by the Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation (“CDHC”), the group established to facilitate the implementation of affordable housing in Downtown, and despite progress being made, no affordable housing has been built.

In October 2014, the Council passed a resolution asking the CDHC to “recommend legislative changes believed necessary ... to ensure that the Plan's vision for a full spectrum of affordable housing can be achieved.” After soliciting input from stakeholders, this February, CDHC issued its report to the Council and also included it as part of its 3rd Annual Report in April 2015. A link to CDHC's report and recommendations is provided [here](#). CDHC presented these to the Council at its April 13th monthly meeting. To watch the April 13th Monthly Meeting, click [here](#).

At its June 8th monthly meeting, CDHC again met with the Council, along with HHC. At that meeting, HHC presented its alternate proposal. To watch the June 8th Monthly Meeting, click [here](#). Expand the list of Monthly Meetings to watch both sessions during which representatives of CDHC and HHC discussed affordable housing in Downtown Columbia. After the meeting CDHC and HHC met to negotiate and see if they could come to an agreement and joint recommendations.

The Council will hold a special work session on affordable housing in Downtown Columbia on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 immediately following its regular Legislative session (which will begin at 7:00 p.m.) in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City. Representatives from the CDHC and HHC will present these joint recommendations to the County Council. The meeting is open to the public and will be streamed live [here](#) and broadcast on the local government channel (note Verizon Channel 44 and Comcast Channel 99).

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HOWARD COUNTY POLICE

Focus on Community

Police launch new Pathway Patrol Section

Starting Monday, Aug. 10, people who use the bike paths and walking trails in Howard County will notice an increased police presence, with the launch of the police department's new Pathway Patrol Section. The new section, comprised of seven officers on mountain bikes or new electric motorcycles, will provide a year-round, highly-visible police presence on pathways and in residential areas.

Safety in school zones

As students return to school, Howard County police are working to ensure that children, parents and teachers arrive safely. Through a continuing back-to-school program, known as H.A.S.T.E. (Helping Arriving Students Through Enforcement), officers will focus on enforcing speed, seat belt and child safety seat laws in school zones. Police remind drivers that they are required to stop for school buses with red lights flashing. The fine for this violation is \$570.

Connect to Howard County Police with New App

Police are using the social media platform, Nextdoor.com, to connect you with your neighborhoods. HCPD will share information on incidents, criminal activity, and public events, as well as providing crime prevention and safety information. HCPD wants to strengthen the relationship between your community and the officers who serve it. This is the first online platform that focuses on small community interaction with your police department. Sign up [here](#) to stay in touch!

BIKE HOWARD

The Howard County Bicycle Master Plan



Attention bikers! The BikeHoward webpage has been updated with a new map of the recommended network from the Bicycle Master Plan. The facility recommendations will guide the development of the network. The map on the front page outlines how to effectively grow this network of biking facilities by filling in missing connections and branching out to new areas.

To ensure the network is easy to use for people of all ages and abilities, the focus is on high quality, separated facilities such as off street path-ways and protected bike lanes. These facilities need to be continuous rather than disjointed, and need to connect places that people want to go to.



The proposed Bike Howard network was developed with extensive community input, consultant expertise and staff guidance from many departments. It is organized into short-term, mid-term and long-term portions, growing the network to connect people and places in the county.

The maps are organized by the three networks, starting from the short term and building out to the long term network. The map provides additional detail for each facility when you click on the segment.

You can find the landing page for the map here: <http://bikehoward.com/bike-howard-bicycle-network/> and the map itself here: <https://hocogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=75946c7b2b184bd8b49170c2a4b6f6b2>

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Howard County's 24th Annual Police Pace 5K Race and 1-mile Fun Run and Walk Sunday, September 13, 8:30 AM

The proceeds benefit charitable initiatives supported by the Howard County Police Foundation, including a scholarship program honoring the sacrifice made by officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Located at Centennial Park, the race includes a tee-shirt, performance awards, and random prizes. For more information [click here](#).

Columbia Teen Idol Competition Auditions September 16, 21, 24, 29, 7:00PM at Various Locations

The road to crowning this year's Teen Idol begins this September! The singing competition is open to Howard County performers from sixth to twelfth grade. No music is necessary for the auditions. Explicit lyrics not allowed. Registration is not required but preferred. For locations and more information [click here](#).

Oakland Mills Community Flea Market Saturday, September 19, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

This event, hosted by the Oakland Mills Village Association, is being held in the Oakland Mills Village Lot (in the police office parking lot) across from The Other Barn. No commercial vendors are permitted. Fee is \$10 per space for Oakland Mills residents! No rain date. For more information [click here](#).

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Southern Howard County Civic Association Community Picnic Sunday, September 19, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

The last call before the fall! Come and meet your neighbors and friends. All Howard County citizens are invited. This picnic under the pavilion is being held at 10100 Superior Avenue, North Laurel, MD 20723. Rain date is October 6th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Free For more information please contact Bibi Perrotte-Foston at (240)-786-5747.

Robinson Nature Center Anniversary Open House Sunday, September 20, 12:00 PM—5:00 PM

Come celebrate Robinson Nature Center's 4th birthday! Enjoy complementary admission and activities for all ages. Take part in live animal demonstrations, guided nature walks, music, food vendors, and an outdoor picnic area. No registration is required. For more information [click here](#).

Girls Night Out at Historic Savage Mill Thursday, September 24, 4:00 PM—8:00 PM

Grab your girls and head on out to Historic Savage Mill for fun, food, wine, shopping, special prizes, deals and so much more! The cost is free. Enter to win a Michael Kors bag, enjoy \$5 spending money at the shops, and enjoy a relaxing environment with friends. For more information [click here](#).

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