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Council Members Embark on Columbia Listening Tour

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – The four Howard County Council members who represent portions of Columbia announced today a tour to visit all ten of Columbia’s village boards. The *Columbia Listening Tour* was designed to give County Council members an opportunity to hear directly from village board members and residents in their own communities. The Council members are seeking input on New Town zoning, village center revitalization, and other local issues impacting the villages.

Mary Kay Sigaty, who represents Wilde Lake, Harper’s Choice, Hickory Ridge, River Hill, and Town Center, explained the timeliness of the listening tour. “As Columbia approaches its 50th birthday, it’s important for us all to take a step back, look at the progress we’ve made, and come together as a community to shape our vision for the next 50 years.”

“It is important for us to hear from our constituents in their own communities,” said Calvin Ball, who represents Long Reach and Oakland Mills. “We all represent Columbia, but it is essential to understand the specific needs and concerns of each village, and we want to make it as convenient as possible for people to participate in this discussion.”

Jen Terrasa, whose district includes Kings Contrivance and Owen Brown, stressed the importance of this listening tour providing an open-ended dialogue. “This is a unique opportunity to have a broad conversation with the community before any specific legislation is pending before the Council.”

Jon Weinstein, who represents the village of Dorsey’s Search, added, “I’m looking forward to beginning a truly collaborative process—a rich conversation in which we can learn from each other and together identify our shared priorities for Columbia’s future.”

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Council Members Embark on Columbia Listening Tour (continued)

The *Columbia Listening Tour* schedule of village board meetings is listed below:

Dorsey's Search	Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.
Town Center	Wednesday, March 11, at 8:15 p.m.
Wilde Lake	Monday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m.
Harper's Choice	Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m.
Owen Brown	Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m.
Kings Contrivance	Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.
Hickory Ridge	Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.
Oakland Mills	Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.
River Hill	Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m.
Long Reach	Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

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