



The Porch Light

Be a good neighbor; remember to keep the porch light on at night !

**Coldstream Homestead
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Free Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

Call CHMCC 410-235-6715

Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation Inc. (CHMCC) and Civic Works are urging CHM residents to take advantage of the free energy efficiency service to all neighborhood residents. In each home Civic Works will replace up to fifteen incandescent bulbs with new energy efficient compact florescent lamps (CFL). These new bulbs can

help reduce energy use by up to 75% and will last up to fifteen times longer than traditional bulbs.

In addition to changing your bulbs, Civic Works will offer to replace your current showerhead with one that will help reduce water usage, leading to lower water bills. The organization will also install a carbon monoxide sensor in each home.



All these services are offered free of charge but residents are encouraged to take advantage of this offer quickly. To save energy and money simply call CHMCC at 410 – 235-6715 or Civic Works at 410-366-8533 ext 215. Leave your name, address, and a daytime phone number.

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Wrecking ball paves a path to a new future

Revitalization of Hugo-Tivoli-Fenwick area takes a big step forward;

A day of mixed emotions is finally upon us, as Baltimore Housing kicks off its 2008 fight against blight with the first phase of demolition in the 2700 block of Tivoly Avenue. Signaling the start of this revitalization project will be the demolition of eleven vacant, blighted and crime riddled housing structures in the neighborhood.

This event while viewed by many as the culmination of years of hard work and community effort is being viewed by some as another example of urban disenfranchisement. Margaret Connors, a resident and day-care operator in 2700 Block of Tivoly, acknowledges the need for change but questions whether or not some

of the long-term residents will be treated fairly by the city. Mark Washington Executive Director of Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation CHMCC, shares those concerns, saying “the need for action is obvious but it’s incumbent for community leaders to make certain all that are impacted are treated justly and fairly.”

Other residents are simply ecstatic. Betty Jones, resident of the same block on Tivoli Avenue, says



2731 Tivoli Ave. after demolition

“hallelujah! it’s about time they did something around here.”

Thanks to Mayor Dixon, Commissioner Graziano, The Planning Department, Mary Pat Clarke and others but most importantly thanks to the many residents of CHM who believed and never gave up on this dream.

CHMCC hosts Public Safety meeting with New NE District Commander

Meeting Feb 13 @7:00pm

In an attempt to bring a heightened focus on public safety concerns, while also strengthening cooperation and ties between the community and the local police Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation (CHMCC) and The Northeast Police district invite the entire community to a public forum. The meeting, chaired by the precinct's new Deputy Major Melvin Russell will take place on Wednesday February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the CHMCC building, 3220 The Alameda.

In light of recent high profile incidents of crime in the surrounding area, it is urgent that the community participate in this forum and voice their concerns while also listening to the plans the police has to improve public safety.



Northeast district

CHMCC wins 1/2 million dollar grant to help Seniors

Neighborhoods for All Ages program to launch pilot program in CHM

In the continued effort to revitalize the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello neighborhood the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corporation (CHMCC) in partnership with Civic Works has aggressively competed for, and won a grant that will provide a range of services to community seniors age 60 and above. Once fully implemented, the grant program called "Neighborhood for All Ages" will allow the community to hire a social worker who will link residents to a wide range of social services and benefits.

Another aspect of the program will provide homeowners with need based grants to perform repairs on their homes. The guidelines for participation in the grant program will soon be clarified to community.

This pilot program, funded by the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, (ABAG), is an ideal partner to the Healthy Neighborhood program currently operating in the community. Both programs will contribute to the maintenance, and upgrading of homes throughout the community.

For more information on these and other issues impacting the community please call CHMCC at 410-235-6715

CHMCC Celebrate the holidays with 200 residents



Residents from all over CHM joined in for our annually holiday events totaling to about 200 residents!

On November 20, 2007 CHM was able to help 75 families that were in need of food for Thanksgiving. Also, we distributed 25 food baskets to families in the CHM community.

"Toys For Joy" a Christmas Holiday Tradition for children in our community took place on December 20, 2007. Joy was the theme for the evening as the children were happily received toys from Santa. Including scores of toys to families of ex-offenders and disadvantage youth in the community.

Next year's holiday events will be bigger and better!



2008 The Change Continues

A little over four years ago we, the residents of Coldstream-Homestead Montebello laid out a bold and courageous vision for change. Some question this vision, calling it unrealistic and unattainable others said we were naïve and nuts. Undeterred, those handful of residents stood firm and together, vigilant in their spirit, determined in their mission to unite and build a coalition for change.

This effort, this spirit, this quest for change continues, undaunted and inspired by the challenges that lay ahead, Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation (CHMCC) continues to chart a bold vision for a better tomorrow.

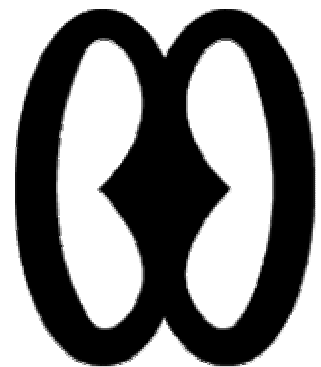
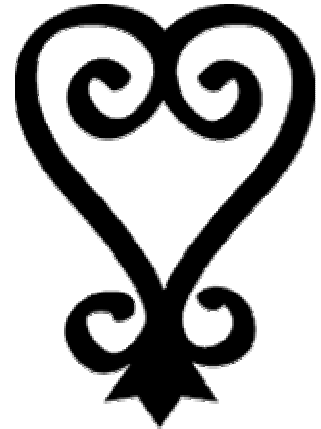
This year CHMCC will unveil “Neighborhood for All Ages,” a program whose primary and specific focus will be on giving back to those who gave so much in the past, our senior residents. Equipped with funding and new staff this program will directly focus on improving the quality of life for our senior residents.

CHMCC will also introduce it “Feeling Great in 08’ community health program. Working in conjunction with Shepherds Clinic and Total Health Care, CHMCC will open its fitness and activities center focusing on health related issues such as childhood obesity that plague our community. These health concerns include diabetes,

and poor dietary habits.

CHMCC also plans in conjunction with Healthy Neighborhoods and the city of Baltimore, several capital improvements projects that will focus rebuilding our neighborhood, beautifying our gateways and improving our building aesthetics.

As always our focus will remain on improving public safety as we continue to work jointly with the Baltimore Police Department, Mayor’s Office and community residents to build upon our success in the past. This promises to be a great 2008 in Coldstream Homestead Montebello.



2007 The Highlights

2007 was a monumental year in the revitalization of the Coldstream Homestead Montebello community. While there remains much that can and will be done to restore the community’s former glory, much pride can be derived from what has been accomplished.

After a \$14 million investment from the city, Lake Montebello reopened to much fanfare. Scores of neighbors can now be seen walking, jogging, rollerblading or simply people watch-

ing at the once overgrown reservoir.

This summer in what can only be seen as a coup, the community was selected as one of only seven to join the Healthy Neighborhood program. Healthy Neighborhoods helps strong but undervalued Baltimore neighborhoods increase home values, market their communities, create high standards for property improvements, and forge strong connections among neighbors.

Other selected highlight

- Completion of the Clifton Park Renewal Master Plan
- City Council approval of the Coldstream Homestead Montebello Master Plan
- Implementation of Operation Protect crime reduction
- Renovation of Coldstream Park





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The Porch Light is the monthly newsletter for the Coldstream Homestead Montebello community. Neighbors' are encouraged to submit articles, ideas, comments etc., to the Porch Light. Please submit your thoughts using one of the following method:

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What is (CHMCC)?

At Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corporation, Inc. (CHMCC) we treat every community concern as if it were our own. Giving each resident concern the attention and assistance needed to improve the quality of life in our community.

Our "Transforming Environments and Minds" (TEAM) initiative, enlist the aid of individual residents in reclaiming and rebuilding their neighborhood, one household at a time, one individual at a time.

CHMCC offers a wide array of services and events to the public that include:

Community Development and Planning, Neighborhood Beautification & Landscaping, Neighborhood Cleanups, Special Debris, Trash and Garbage Removal, Community Dumpsters, Crime Prevention and C-Safe Public Safety Initiatives, Citizens on Patrol, , Code Enforcement, Referral Service, After-School Program, "Youth Works" Summer Employment Program, Youth Recreation Programs (Baseball, Tennis, Golf and Basketball) Community Newsletter, Internet Job Search, Community Holiday Events & Baskets, School Supply & Holiday Toy Give Away, Community Bar-BQ's, Youth Trips, Senior Services and Trips, Ex-Offender Programs, Community Arts Program, "

and a whole lot more.

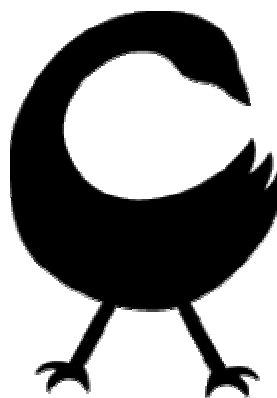
Coldstream-Homestead Montebello, the urban suburban oasis to call home

CHMCC plans lecture series for February

In the month of February, Black History Month, CHMCC plans a series of topical discussions. The series tentatively scheduled for Thursday evenings in the month is expected to address the upcoming presidential primary and the prospect of a female or African-American nominee. Other topics include the history of Coldstream Homestead Montebello community and other northeast neighborhoods, the search for love in the internet era, and the legacy of Malcolm X and the Black Panthers in Baltimore.

At the end on the series there will be a celebration that will highlight food, art, fashion and talent. This event will take place on Thursday February 28 at the CHM building at 3220A the Alameda.

More details on the lecture series is forthcoming. Keep updated by visiting us on the web www.chmcdc.org



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