



The Porch Light

Coldstream Homestead
Montebello Community
Corporation (CHMCC)

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***CHM Community Meeting 7:00pm, Thurs. Feb 12 *
@ CHMCC Building, 3220-A The Alameda**

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Delivering Hope

Board of Estimates approves \$900,000 For Tivoly

CHM Executive director Mark Washington was on hand at the January 21, 2009 board of estimates meeting, to personally thank the board on behalf of the CHM community for finalizing the approval of \$900,000 in funding for the acquisition, relocation and site clearance cost for the CHM Housing Project aka "The Tivoly Project." Keeping the promise she made at the December community meeting, Mayor Dixon took swift action to move funding for the project through the board of estimates. Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake offered kinds words of praise and support for the community's efforts.

The approval of this funding is a continuation of the first phase of re-development efforts that will bring new market rate and affordable housing to CHM. Many thanks go to Bill Henry, Rick Esienmann, Bobie Ford, Daisy McLean, Inez Hawks, and a host of others who worked selflessly to make this dream a reality.

CHMCC Partners on Gang Reduction Strategies

In an effort to curb gang violence in area public schools, CHMCC, in conjunction with the local schools, will implement a comprehensive wrap around approach to target students who display behavior related to gang involvement. The initiative will include school administrators identifying the students whom display gang-like behavior, in house intervention, a site visit to the student's home, and follow up visits with the Baltimore Police Department, a social worker, a school administrator and CHM Executive Director. The purpose of the program is to identify internal family issues and to provide social and family support services while maintaining a police presence that will serve as a deterrent to future gang related activity.

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New Clifton Park Plan Unveiled

In 2005, CHMCC included in its Agenda for Change recommendations for making improvements to Clifton Park and the formation of the Friends of Clifton Park (FOCP), headed by long time resident Jea Chapman. Then Mayor Martin O'Malley toured the park with community residents and held a press conference in Clifton Park to signal the start of things to come. With a flick of the switch, former Mayor Martin O'Malley lit the new park lights and paved the way for the Clifton Park Master Plan. Present Mayor Sheila Dixon has kept the momentum moving forward through the dedicated work of Mary Porter from Parks and Recreations and a host of park patrons. On February 4, 2008 concept plans for the new Clifton Park (2008 City Paper Winner Best Park) were unveiled. The new plan calls for the installation of a new lake, a recreation center at the Clifton Park Pool house, new lighted biking and strolling paths, a new pavilion, reconfiguring St. Lo Drive to increase the green space, improvements to Mothers Garden and a host of other changes. The Clifton Park Master plan follows up on the combined efforts CHMCC and neighboring communities to improve Lake Montebello. CHM residents should take pride in their efforts to transform their community.





CHM is a happening place for those over 60!

Neighborhoods for All Ages, the program for those over age 60 in Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello, strives to offer practical services and programming for seniors. We have put together this list of happenings from around the community; won't you join us?

CHMCC 6X Express - 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of every month (02/06-Food Depot, 2/20-Giant).

FREE door-to-door rides to the market for adults ages 60+. The shuttle alternates between the Giant Supermarket on 33rd Avenue and the Food Depot on Belair Rd. The shuttle holds up to 12 riders and can accommodate wheelchairs. As interest and use

increases, more destinations will be added. Sign-up by phone the Wednesday before each shuttle ride to Christy Bullman at (410) 235-6715.

CHMCC Senior Meeting - 2nd Friday of every month at 10 am (02/13).

Come together with fellow residents for fellowship, fun, and education. \$5 monthly dues supplement bi-monthly trips and pay for the provided continental breakfast. No RSVP necessary.

CHMCC Lifelong Gathering - 4th Friday of every month at 10 am (02/27).

Lifelong Gatherings aim to offer a range of engaging, en-

tertaining, educational, and fun events for those 60+, although all community members are welcome to attend. February topic TBD. RSVP to Christy Bullman at (410) 235-6715.

Eating Together - Every Monday & Thursday from 10am-1pm.

Eating Together is held at Coldstream Recreation Center at 1401 Fillmore Street. The group hosts activities and entertainment for adults ages 60+ from 10am-12pm with lunch served at 12pm. Participants are welcome to come for any portion of the day. Come out and meet other seniors, attend special events and trips, explore areas of interest and hobbies, all while enjoying free nutritious meals. RSVP at least 24 hours in ad-

vance to Bobbie Green at (410) 303-9870.

Grandparents Club - 2nd Wednesday of every month at 9am (02/11).

All community residents who are grandparents are welcome to join together for discussion, special events, and fundraising efforts. The group meets at Montebello Elementary, located at 2040 E. 32nd St. No RSVP necessary. For more information call Rita Tolliver at (410) 235-4801 ext. 1013.

All events held at **3220-A The Alameda** unless otherwise noted.

Developer Eyes Second Genesis Site

A development team headed by former Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HEBCAC) Executive Director Michael Sipe has indicated a strong interest in converting the Second Genesis facility in the 2900 block of Harford Road into a transitional recovery house for veterans with substance abuse issues.

This location is on one of our "Healthy Neighborhoods" target blocks and offers one of the best views and locations in the community. Previously, CHMCC stood in opposition to Johns

Hopkins who wanted the location for a transitional treatment facility for women of addiction. If Mr. Sipes development team is successful, this will bring the number of transitional housing facilities on the Harford Road Healthy Neighborhoods blocks to four. Mr. Sipe has been invited to present his development team's plans for the facility at the 7:00p.m. February 12, 2009 CHM community meeting. This is a very important issue for the residents of CHM and we encourage all residents to attend this meeting.

Visit us on the web at
www.LiveInChum.org
and link with us on Facebook

Keep the light on... Keep the crime out.

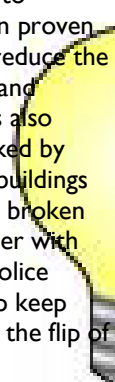
The name of our newsletter, *The Porch Light*, isn't just a title, but a part of a practice that makes good sense. Keeping or turning your porch light on is one of the simplest safety tips to implement. It's been proven to discourage and reduce the incidence of crime and vandalism. Statistics also show that cars parked by well lit homes and buildings are less likely to be broken into. You can partner with CHMCC and the Police Department to help keep our streets safer at the flip of a switch.

With Civic Works' Project Light Bulb you can get free energy efficient light bulbs (along with low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and water heater insulators) to help offset any

cost associated with your participation and further reduce your energy expenses. You can reach Civic Works at (410)366-8533, ext. 208.

Banding together to help light up our neighborhood sends a message to those who are tempted to commit offenses: **CRIME IS NOT WELCOME HERE.** Another easy way to participate in crime deterrence is to join us for our monthly Citizens on Patrol walks the last Thursday of every month at 7pm.

As a stakeholder in the community, you are strongly encouraged to report concerns to us at (410) 235-6715, and crime to the police at 911 for emergencies and 311 for non-emergencies.





CHMCC & "92Q Jams" Presents

"A Night of Positive Self Expression"

Featuring 92Q's "Lil' Black"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2009



OPEN MIC NIGHT

**FREE FOOD
MUSIC
SPOKEN-WORD**

7:00-9:30PM

Live Performances

"LET YOUR VOICES YOUTH BE HEARD"

Artists Interested In Performing Contact

Catherine Trotter

(410) 235-6715

"IF YOU HAVE A POSITIVE FLOW, COME JOIN THE SHOW!"

3220-A The Alameda Baltimore, MD 21218

FREE - FREE - FREE - FREE

Don't Complain About Your BGE Bill - Do Something About It!

Save \$\$\$ -Get Free Energy Saving

Light Bulbs - Shower Head

Kitchen Faucet - Insulation For Your

Water Heater & Pipes

Call Civic Works @ 410-366-8533 x 208 Leave Message To Schedule Appointment



Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 12, 2009
GED Class
Call 410-235-6715 for more info

Friday, February 13, 2009
10:00 am
Senior Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
GED Class
Call 410-235-6715 for more info

Thursday February 19, 2009
GED Class
Call 410-235-6715 for more info

Friday February 19, 2009
10:00 am
6X Express

Tuesday February 24, 2009
GED Class
Call 410-235-6715 for more info

Thursday February 26, 2009
GED Class
Call 410-235-6715 for more info

Thursday, February 26, 2009
7:00 pm
Citizen on Patrol

Friday February 27, 2009
10:00 am
Lifelong Gathering

Friday February 27, 2009
7:00 pm—10:00 pm
Open Mic Night

***All events at
3220 The Alameda unless
otherwise noted.***

**Did you know you live in a
Healthy Neighborhood?
That makes you eligible for...**

- a low interest/low payment home improvement loan
- a matching rehab loan program
- **grants to work on projects to boost curb appeal** **peal !!!**

With **HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS'** home improvement loans, between **\$5000** and **\$40,000** is available to homeowners in the **Coldstream Homestead Montebello** community with up to **\$10,000** in matching grant funds. Please note that our home improvement loans are facilitated through Bradford Bank. The rate will be one percentage point below prime, which is currently 3.25%.

| Loan Amount | Free Matching \$\$\$ | Total Amount | Avg. Monthly Payment** |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| \$5000 | \$5000 | \$10,000 | \$46.57 |
| \$6000 | \$6000 | \$12,000 | \$55.88 |
| \$7000 | \$7000 | \$14,000 | \$65.20 |
| \$8000 | \$8000 | \$16,000 | \$74.51 |
| \$9000 | \$9000 | \$18,000 | \$83.82 |
| \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$20,000 | \$93.14 |

**Average monthly payment shown based on rate of 2.25% fixed. Rates subject to

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-235-6715
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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

JUNE 22, 2009 – JULY 31, 2009

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00AM-5:00PM

Field trips, Basketball, Soccer, Dance,

Arts and Crafts, Cultural Exploration,
Science projects etc.

Breakfast, lunch & snack provided daily!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
REGISTER , PLEASE CALL**

**CATHERINE TROTTER AT
410-235-6715 OR E-MAIL:
CHMC.CORP@VERIZON.NET**

FREE GED Preparation

Do you need a high school diploma
or know someone who does?

Classes forming now for **FREE GED**
preparation to be held at

Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello
Community Corporation.

**CALL CATHERINE TROTTER @
410-235-6715 FOR MORE
INFORMATION**