



The Porch Light

TEAM Transforming Environments and Minds

Be a good neighbor, keep the porch light on at night!

Coldstream Homestead
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Corporation (CHMCC)

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CHM COMMUNITY MEETING October 8th @ 7:00pm

Community Mourns The Loss Of Destinee Parker

Destinee Parker, 13, 8th Grader @ Montebello, Dies Tragically in H1N1 Related Illness



“Destinee Parker brought joy to a lot of students and staff at Montebello Elementary,” laments Rita Tolliver, Parent Liaison at Montebello Elementary School Wednesday, September 30th, speaking of the 8th grader who passed away tragically the day before, just five days after she was hospitalized and diagnosed with the H1N1 virus.

“Destinee was a member of the Montebello Girl Scouts, and was a pleasant young lady with a promising future,” adds Tolliver, whose child is the same age.

The child’s guardians are taking donations through the school for funeral proceedings. Funeral details have not yet been announced.

CHMCC would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Ms. Parker, who left this world too soon.

On Tuesday, September 29th, City Health Department Officials and Montebello’s Principal Bell held a community meeting informing people of the symptoms and treatments of the

H1N1 flu virus, providing a flu shot right there in the gymnasium following the meeting, and explaining circumstances of hearing about young Parker’s illness.

The CHM community is reassured by the rapid response taken by Principal Bell and the Baltimore City School System. “Last Thursday,” Principal Bell tells the group of community residents, “I received a phone call at 1:30pm that the young lady was diagnosed with H1N1. Dismissal is at 2:40. I had an hour to draft a letter, make 800 copies, and distribute them to the entire school. You all found out about an hour after we did.” That night, a Blitz team came in to conduct a thorough cleaning. The next day was a professional development day, where the students did not attend. The Blitz team came back on Sunday to conduct another cleaning before the students returned to school on Monday.

Principal Bell invited Dr. Bailowitz with the Baltimore City Health Dept., to detail specific symptoms of H1N1 and preventative measures, as well as explaining the vaccination process. Symptoms of influenza include fever, cough, and/or sore throat. (**Additional symptoms may include chills, headache, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea or shortness of breath.**)

Dr. Bailowitz from the Baltimore City Health Dept. urged everyone in the room to take the vaccine offered now, to ensure a “circle of protection.” In addition to the H1N1 vaccine, to be released next month.

The vaccine should start working in 8-10 days, protection lasting 6 months to

a year. The vaccine will be offered in flu clinics all over the city, school based immunizations, malls, doctor’s offices, and public health clinics.

State Senator Conway also attended Tuesday’s meeting, updating the residents on the State’s commitment to H1N1 prevention. She said the vaccine will come out in mist form, (not safe for people who suffer from asthma) and Maryland will most likely have about 3 million doses.

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Although Destinee's exact cause of death is not known, her death is the ninth in Maryland associated with the swine flu and the second child.

"This is the exception to the rule. The vast majority of individuals, both children and adults, become ill for a few days, convalesce and then go back to work or school and lead entirely normal lives," said Dr. Bailowitz. Doctors say it's crucial for students to get both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.

How To Protect Yourself From The H1N1 Virus

- Make sure our children and all people that work with children, are vaccinated
- Stay home when sick, and 24 hours after fever goes down
- wash hands often with soap and warm/hot water for over 20 seconds
- cover coughs and sneezes

Do your part to protect yourself, loved ones and community

CHMCC Public Safety Corner

Take Up the Mantle of Responsibility

Walk to Improve Safety and Cleanliness
in Your Community

CHM Needs YOU!! to participate in

Community Walks!

Can we reach a critical mass of concerned citizens, willing to walk every week to make a REAL difference?

Meet others that care about the safety of the neighborhood, become a leader against crime and grime.

Tuesday Nights, 6-7pm

Meet at the Martin Luther Statue

COMMUNITY CONCERN FORMS

Call or stop by CHMCC to complete a **Community Concern Form** concerning nuisance activities that are going on in your block. Don't forget to use your **Block Watch Number** when you report a crime to **911**. If you don't have **Block Watch Number** call 410-235-6715 to get an **application**.

Teen Talk

AN OUTLET FOR TEEN YOUTH IN BALTIMORE

Visit the new CHMCC myspace.com/teentalk21218

Every Fourth Thursday, 6-8pm FREE

CHMCC Community Center City High Annex 3220-A The Alameda
Snacks provided!



You decide the topics discussed. You decide the activities. You have the fun. Join the growing number of teens making a positive difference in CHM and beyond.

Start your path to success here and now.

Call Catherine @ 410.235.6715 for more info

Speed Cameras Coming To CHM

On Monday, October 1st, 2009, the State of Maryland will begin to unveil the first of 51 speed cameras they plan to place near public schools.

CHM's Alameda will receive these cameras at Harford Road and at 33rd Street.



The Baltimore Sun reports that Gov. O'Malley sought statewide expansion of these speed cameras, which generated nearly \$10 million in fines last year through a pilot program in Montgomery County.

Supporters say the cameras serve as an extra eye for police who can't patrol every street. Non-supporters believe it is a "Big Brother" approach, "little more than a cash cow for local governments and a major annoyance to drivers policed by machines."

"State Highway spokeswoman Valerie Burnett Edgar said the agency will use two van-mounted cameras at several major work sites starting Oct. 1 and over the winter as a pilot."

She said each location will have three sets of warning signs: one more than a mile before the work site, another one closer to it, and finally a radar screen showing motorists their speed. 'By the time you get to where the van is parked, you should be fully aware you're speeding,' she says.

'Speeders caught on cameras going over 12 mph over the speed limit will receive warnings for 30 days after Oct. 1. After that grace period, they will receive tickets.'

This will inevitably slow down traffic on The Alameda in CHM. However, CHMCC recommends that residents remain careful on residential through-streets such as Gorsuch Ave., as speeders may begin using new routes due to the installation of the cameras.

**Show CHM Pride!
Get the New Peel-Off
CHM Bumper Sticker Today!**

Call (410) 235-6715 for more info
Thanks to Leanna Wetmore, for her incredible artwork, and Tim Murphy, who volunteered the wonderful graphic layout.



CHMCC participates in Mayor Dixon's Fall Clean-up on October 17th

The rolling thunder of load packers usually associated with CHM and the Mayor's cleanup will not be happening this year. With budget cutbacks and furloughs, this year's clean up will consist of one lonely dumpster in the 2700 block of Tivoly. "Even with this difficult economy, it's good to see the Mayor's clean up continues," says Mark Washington, Executive Director of CHMCC." He is certain as in years passed, residents will step up to lend a helping hand."



Taste of Montebello House Tour Highlighted the Best of What CHM has to Offer

On Sept. 19th, residents opened their doors, offering snacks to about 20 prospective home buyers who walked around CHM'S Healthy Neighborhoods checking out their homes and a variety of homes for sale. Thank you to CHM Ambassadors and volunteers for making this

such a success: Odette Ramos for being home base, Leanna Wetmore, Neil Abraham, Shawn James and Kim Farley, and Earl Divers for showing your homes! And Thank you, Mr. Umoja for donating your unique sense of humor and van for those that needed a break from walking!

Potential homebuyers immediately grasped what CHM residents may sometimes take for granted—the beauty and convenience of Lake Montebello, Mother's Garden and Clifton Park for serenity, fitness, and play; the spectacular city sky line vistas from the rolling hills of CHM, our great schools, and closeness to local hot spots and universities. People were especially impressed with the leadership of so many of our neighbors. Thanks to all CHM residents for helping put out by keeping our streets clean, and giving that special attention to our alleys and lawns for the Taste of Montebello!



October Senior Happenings

Senior Health Fair: *Thursday, October 8th (11am—3pm)* Action in Maturity will host a Senior Health Fair at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall, 3900 Roland Ave. Flu shots, hearing screening and other services. Contact 410-889-7915 for more info. Call Christy if you want a ride!

Senior Walking Club: Plan to join us for a walk around Lake Montebello. Water will be available. Meet at the Rotunda on the north side of the lake, rain or shine.

Lifelong Gathering: Save your pennies for a morning of shopping at Wal-Mart on 10/23. Free ride for the first 12 people to sign up.

6X Express Shuttle: Starting in October, the grocery shuttle will go to the Giant the 2nd Tuesday of every month. To sign up, you must call 410-366-8533 X205 by the Friday before. We will no longer call to see if you want a ride!

Please Note! New Phone # for Neighborhood for All Ages!!!

ATTENTION ALL CHM RESIDENTS:

Do you know an older adult in our community that could use some help?

Neighborhoods for All Ages offers home repair, transportation and other assistance to those over age 60 in our community. Community residents are encouraged to share this with their neighbors. Anyone interested should call **Christy Bullman at (410) 366-8533 ext. 205.**

Community Calendar

Thursday, October 1st, 4pm
Walking Club

Monday, October 5th, 9am
Food Stamp Outreach

Tuesday, October 6th, 2pm
Walking Club

Thursday, October 8th
11am Senior Health Fair
7pm Community Meeting

Friday, October 9th, 10am
Senior Meeting

Saturday, October 10th
**Lake Montebello and Martin Luther Park
Tree Planting—Need Volunteers!**

Tuesday, October 13th, 12:30pm
6X Express to Giant

Thursday, October 15th, 4pm
Walking Club

Saturday, October 17th, 8am-1pm
Mayor Dixon's Fall Cleanup

Tuesday, October 20th, 2pm
Walking Club

Wednesday, October 21st, 6:30pm
**Community Relations Meeting
NE Police District**

Thursday, October 22nd, 6pm
Teen Talk

Friday, October 23rd, 10am
6x Express to Wal-Mart

Thursday, October 29th, 4pm
Walking Club

Call (410) 235-6715 for more information

***Is your Mortgage Going
to Be Late?***

***Is your Mortgage Already Late?
DON'T WAIT!***

Call Jennifer James, Certified Housing
Counselor at Belair-Edison at
(410) 485-8422 to set up an appt for one on
one counseling on homeownership
and credit repair.



**CHM is a Healthy Neighborhood!
The Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative**

****Low Interest Purchase, Refinancing,
and Home Improvement Loans****

****Block Projects** **Events****

****Neighborhood Ambassadors****

Real Food Farms comes to Clifton

Real Food Farm (RFF) is a project of Civic Works, which will produce vegetables, fruits, and herbs using solar “high tunnel” growhouses. The first phase will begin this October, as RFF and the Safe Healing Foundation will erect two houses for education and demonstration on the Lake Clifton campus. **Parents! This is a GREAT opportunity to volunteer with your children of all ages!** For more info or to volunteer, contact Tyler Brown at 410-366-8533, tbrown@civickorks.com, or check out www.real-food-farm.org

Recycling and Trash

As One Plus One continues to see success in CHM, there are still some unresolved questions and confusions about the program. Here are some answers to

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Residents do not need special recycling bins—citizens can use cardboard boxes** to recycle. We DO NOT have to separate any of our recycling. It ALL goes together: paper, cans, cardboard, glass jars, milk jugs, clean aluminum foil, etc.
2. People can also **use regular trash bins with the word “recycling” written on them**, or the triangle arrow symbol drawn on the bins.
3. **You do not need a lid for recycling boxes or cans.**
4. Please **DO NOT** put recycling in plastic trash or grocery bags.
5. You **DO** need a **trash bin and tight fitting lid for trash** pick up.
6. Recycling does NOT cause rats when people **rinse out their cans, bottles, milk, yogurt cartons, etc.** before recycling them.
7. CHM residents that are being cited for having too much trash, or illegally dumping ‘extra’ trash that won’t fit into the 96 gallon limit will not receive help from CHMCC to fight the citation. **Residents MUST attempt to solve the ‘extra trash’ issue through recycling.** Give it a try!
8. Call **311** to schedule a **bulk trash pickup** for your bulk items.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-235-6715
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