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District 4 News

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News & Views from around your community



New Year's Greetings!

Happy New Year and I hope you had a safe and fruitful 2013. I would like to thank all of our constituents and area organizations for keeping us abreast throughout the year on issues of concern to our community.

Through your continued communication and support we have been able to help our neighborhoods continue to be safe and attractive places to live.

So, please, continue the partnership we have built as your liaison to county government in helping control and reduce unkempt or nuisance properties and businesses. See inside for information on county programs that can help business and property owners upgrade.

Likewise, please continue keeping us informed of your neighborhood initiatives and events so we can share your news with the community. Use our newsletter to keep apprised of upcoming events, news and highlights from around the Northwest Corridor.

Now it's time to look ahead to what the New Year will bring – and with your help we hope 2014 will prove to offer continued progress in moving the Fourth District forward as a leader in some of the best places to live, work and play in Baltimore County.

My staff and I would like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As always, if you need to reach my office, give us a call at 410-887-3389, or email us at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. We are here to serve you.

Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working for you.

Best regards,
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Businesses within Commercial Revitalization Districts can benefit from county programs



For the Fourth District's older business districts, it is often a challenge for business and property owners to attract and retain customers, especially when new shopping and services open nearby. There is often a need for upgrades and improvements that owners may not have the means to tackle alone.

To that end, Baltimore County offers programs to business owners in the county's 16 designated Commercial Revitalization Districts, including Liberty Road, Reisterstown, Woodlawn and Pikesville.

County planners are assigned to the designated revitalization districts to help business/property owners navigate the programs and determine which might work best for their needs. The county's website, www.baltimorecountymd.gov, contains links and maps showing the Commercial Revitalization Districts. Go to [MyNeighborhood](#) to view the Commercial Revitalization Districts: the districts are highlighted in red when selecting the "Economic" tab.

Members of the Reisterstown Improvement Association's Economic Restructuring Committee have been working with county planner Amy Mantay – producing a brochure outlining the Commercial Revitalization District and the programs available to business and property owners. Committee Chair Paul Davalos said the committee's goal is to make owners aware of what's out there to help them upgrade. The committee distributes the brochures to all the businesses within the Reisterstown Commercial Revitalization District, following up with visits and postcards.

"You've got to keep the word out there," Davalos said. Two businesses are currently using the Architect-on-Call program – a former restaurant and a medical office - and a third is considering signing up.

Here is a breakdown of the programs:

Architect-On-Call - offers up to 10 free hours of professional architectural design services to businesses improving the exteriors of their buildings. After an initial site visit and meeting, the architect prepares a digital rendering of the building with design recommendations and a rough cost estimate. The service is free when improvements are certified as complete within six months. [Download an application](#). (PDF)

Building Improvement Loan Program – BILP - A \$30,000 interest-free loan which can be used for exterior improvements such as awnings, landscaping, and signage. This loan can be combined with the other economic development incentives for larger projects. Some minor interior and equipment improvements may also be financed. [Download an application](#). (PDF)

Commercial Revitalization Tax Credit - For larger projects, this benefit provides a five-year real property tax credit if physical improvements increase the assessed property value by \$100,000 or more. A ten-year credit is available if improvement costs exceed \$10 million. This is jointly administered by the Baltimore County Department of Planning and the Department of Assessments and Taxation. NOTE: Applicants must apply within 120 days of completed project in order to receive credit for the next tax year. [Download an application](#). (PDF)

Commercial Revitalization Action Grant - A \$10,000 grant awarded annually to business associations for projects that benefit the overall Commercial Revitalization Districts. Examples include: holiday lighting, welcome signs, web site development, street trees, security cameras, farmers markets, etc.

*Note: All applicants are required to meet with staff prior to submitting applications.

For more information: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/neighborhoodresponse/commrevitalization (2)



Check out what's happening around the 4th District



Councilman Oliver with Woodstock dancers Sherrrod Hogue and Jamal Lee (photos courtesy Tammi Bush Woodstock Job Corps)

Councilman Oliver attended the Woodstock Job Corps Center Holiday Community Night on Dec. 12. The event was held in the



facility's Women's Center and included student speakers and performances, presentations by officials, refreshments and tree lighting. "Woodstock Job Corps Center was an excellent place to be that night," Oliver said. "All the students were terrific." For more information

on Woodstock Job Corps, go to <http://woodstock.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>.



Councilman Oliver attended Baltimore County Public Schools first Teacher Town Hall meeting held recently at New Town High School. About 200

teachers attended to voice their concerns about recently implemented federal Common Core standards curriculum and to air other concerns with BCPS Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance.

For more information, BCPS posted meeting Q&A at: www.bcps.org/system/reports/TeacherTownHallFAQ12-5-13.pdf

What's Happening at Your Library

- **Owings Mills Library events: 410-887-2092**
"Story Time with Spirit the Dog," Spirit the education assistance dog and Ann Gearhart introduce you to dogs through stories and art, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, Monday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m. **"Baby Story Time,"** stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages up to 23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. **"Preschool Story Time,"** stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- **Randallstown Library events: 410-887-0770**
"LEGO Fun," create with LEGO blocks, for ages 6-12 years old – children under 8 with an adult, Monday, Jan. 6, 6 p.m. **"Preschool Story Time,"** stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. **"Baby Story Time,"** stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages up to 23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 11 a.m. **"Urban Pirates Story Time,"** songs, games, stories and treasure, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.; **"Introduction to the Internet,"** learn basic Internet skills, for ages 13 years old and up, registration required, Saturday, Jan. 11, 9 a.m.
- **Woodlawn Library events: 410-887-1336**
"Pajama Story Time," put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs, Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. **"Snacks in the Stacks,"** make healthy, simple and fast snacks with few ingredients, for ages 14-17 years old, registration required, Tuesdays at 3 p.m. **"Baby Story Time,"** stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages up to 23 months with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m. **"Preschool Story Time,"** stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 11 a.m.; **"Urban Pirates Story Time,"** songs, games, stories and treasure, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, Saturday, Jan. 11, 11 a.m. For more events, go to: www.bcpl.info (3)



Around the Corridor

What's going on around the Northwest Corridor



Councilman Oliver was on hand for LRBA's annual holiday gathering and lighting of the Christmas tree at the Randallstown Gateway Park.

There were treats, coffee and hot chocolate and caroling by students from the Woodstock Job Corps Center. The students offered holiday favorites for everyone to join in and sing along. The highlight of the event was the ceremonial lighting of one of



The Northwest Corridor was hit with back-to-back storms in early December and a third in mid-December, leaving neighborhoods blanketed in snow and ice.

The official Old Farmer's Almanac forecast for January 2014 is, "temperature 37° (2° above avg.); precipitation 2" (1.5" below avg.); Jan 1-2: Showers and flurries; Jan 3-9: Sunny, cold; Jan 10-15: Sunny north, rain south; mild; Jan 16-18: Rainy, mild; Jan 19-21: Sunny, cold; Jan 22-27: Rainy periods, mild; Jan 28-31: Sunny, cold.

For the winter and spring months, the almanac predicts, "Winter will be colder and drier than normal, although snowfall will be above normal in most of the region. The coldest periods will be in early and mid-December and in early to mid-February. The snowiest periods will be in early and mid-December, and in early and mid-February. April and May will be drier and much warmer than normal." www.almanac.com



the park's evergreens that will remain lit through part of January to help chase away the dark days of winter.



Looking for fun winter events? Go to: enjoybaltimorecounty.com

More from Around the County...



With winter weather having hit the area early and hard, residents should be aware that **property owners are required to clear sidewalks and walkways within 24 hours of a snow or ice event:** "...each person or public institution occupying or using a residential, commercial, or industrial building in any manner or for any purpose shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, the snow from the foot pavements fronting the respective houses, stores, shops, stables, houses of worship, lots occupied by any buildings, unoccupied buildings, and unoccupied lots that run along streets in the county."

In removing snow or ice, it cannot be shoveled into the street, or blocking streets or gutters. Misdemeanor fines may be levied: \$25 for each violation and \$25 for each day the obstruction continues.

For more info see the County Code: [http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Maryland/baltimore_co/article18transportation/title3roadsbridgesandsidewalks?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:baltimoreco_md\\$anc=JD_18-3-107](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Maryland/baltimore_co/article18transportation/title3roadsbridgesandsidewalks?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:baltimoreco_md$anc=JD_18-3-107)

If you see a violation, and/or are concerned about pedestrians walking in the street because walkways have not been cleared, you can file a complaint with County Code Enforcement at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/needtocontact/codecomplaint, or 410-887-3351.



Baltimore County Restaurant Week is back, running January 10-26 at restaurants, pubs and cafés across the county, including northwest corridor eateries Artful Gourmet Bistro and Linwoods in Owings Mills, Colin's Seafood and Grill in Randallstown, The Grill at Harryman House in Reisterstown, and the Glyndon Grill in Glyndon: <http://baltimorecountyrestaurantweek.com>.

Give Blood. Save a Life.



Jan. 6, 12-7 p.m., Timonium Red Cross, 2405 York Road.

Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Levindale Geriatric Hospital, 2434 W. Belvedere Ave.

Jan. 7, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Baltimore American Red Cross, 4700 Mt. Hope Drive.

Jan. 7, 1:30 – 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 1010 Frederick Road, Catonsville.

Jan. 9, 12 – 7 p.m., Timonium Red Cross, 2405 York Road.

Jan. 10, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., Baltimore American Red Cross, 4700 Mt. Hope Drive.

Jan. 11, 6:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church 915 Liberty Road, Eldersburg.

Jan. 14, 3 – 7 p.m., VFW Post 521, 214 South Tollgate Road, Owings Mills.

Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills.

You can register for any of these events online at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation. Search by ZIP code to find your event. Or call 1-800-733-2767.

Meanwhile, domestic and international disasters continue to drive the need for aid. To make a donation, go to www.redcross.org.

County Council Roundup:

Baltimore County Council's legislative Jan/Feb schedule:

MONTH	MEETING DATE	WORK SESSION
JANUARY	1-06-14	NONE
	1-21-14	1-14-14
FEBRUARY	2-03-14	1-28-14
	2-18-14	2-11-14

Pending Legislation

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its December 17, 2013 meeting. These Bills will be discussed at the January 14, 2014 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

[Bill 71-13](#) Government Reorganization - Department of Economic and Workforce Development

[Bill 72-13](#) CEB - Adult Disability/Resource Center

[Bill 73-13](#) CEB - Greenways, Stream Valleys, and Trails Development

[Bill 74-13](#) County Executive - Compensation

[Bill 75-13](#) County Council - Compensation

[Bill 76-13](#) Food Trucks

[Bill 77-13](#) Planned Unit Developments

[Bill 78-13](#) Synthetic Cannabinoids

The following Resolution, in PDF format, was introduced by the County Council at its Sept. 16, 2013 meeting.

[Resolution 94-13](#) Accept donation - Yeardey Love Statue Plaza - Meadowood Regional Park

*Come out and watch your
County in action*

Baltimore County Council meetings are open to the public and scheduled every first and third Monday at 6 pm., except holidays. For more details and updates, go to baltimorecountymd.gov.

Baltimore County Resources

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY- CALL 911

Snow/Storm- 410-887-3560

Other Non-Emergency Concerns- 410-887-2222

Employment/Jobs/Business

- **Liberty Center – employment/job training**
3637 Offutt Road, 410-887-8912, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/jobtraining
- **Liberty Road Business Association – business group**
9405 Liberty Road, 410-655-7766, www.lrba.biz
- **Jobs with Baltimore County –** www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs

Health Services

- **Liberty Resource Center – county health services**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0600, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices
- **Woodlawn Health Center – county health services**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1332, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices

Library branches

- **Randallstown Library – books, computers, events and more**
8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/randallstown
- **Owings Mills Library – books, computers, events and more**
Metro Centre at Owings Mills, 410-887-2092, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/owings-mills
- **Woodlawn Library – books, computers, events and more**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/woodlawn

Mediation

- **Baltimore County Conflict Resolution Center – conflict resolution services**
410-663-7070, www.CRCbaltimoreCounty.org

Recreation – www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

- **Liberty Road Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., 410-887-0700
- **Northwest Regional Park – sports fields, pavilions, playground, trails**
4515 Deer Park Road, 410-887-1582,
- **Owings Mills Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
New Town High, 4931 New Town Boulevard, 410-887-1582
- **Randallstown Community Center – rec council sports, fitness, arts, meetings**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-887-0698
- **Randallstown Y Aquatics Center – Y of Maryland pool and classes**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-496-4272
- **Woodlawn Community Center – rec council, senior and community activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, 410-887-1357

Seniors

- **Liberty Senior Center – senior services and activities**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0780, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- **Woodlawn Senior Center – senior services and activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 410-887-6887, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers (7)

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