



The Porch Light

TEAM Transforming Environments and Minds

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

Coldstream Homestead
Montebello Community
Corporation (CHMCC)

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***CHM COMMUNITY MEETING* Nov 12 @ 7:00pm**

CHMCC AWARDED ARTS GRANT

Darin Crew/Herring Run Watershed Assoc. Lead Volunteers In CHM Tree Planting



Darin Crew, from the Herring Run Watershed Association (HRWA), led a hail and hearty group of volunteers from Hamilton Federal

Bank, Baltimore Volunteers Unlimited and CHM in planting 60 trees at Lake Montebello and Martin Luther Statue Park.

The HRWA, in conjunction with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks' (BCRP) Tree Baltimore are on a mission to increase the number of trees in Baltimore. Mr. Crew made possible the impossible, diligently regarding lakeside homeowners' visions for the space, and was able to manifest a beautiful new landscaping plan that compliments CHM residents' wishes for their ideal lakeside park space.

HRWA, BCRP, Parks and People, CHM residents and City College High School kids planted another 128 trees on the grounds of City College on October 23rd and 24th.

CHMCC and its residents are grateful for the heart, muscle and patience of all the volunteers and organizations helping to make CHM an even greener place to live.

Parks and People has teamed up with Anne Draddy, Tree Baltimore's "Tree Lady," to canvass CHM and recruit more tree lovers to plant trees on their properties. They are offering CHM, and all Healthy Neighborhoods, free flowering and shade trees for their front and/or back yards.

On November 7th, Tree Baltimore will drop off those trees for those who ordered them. If you would like to order one or more trees for your home, call Anne @ 410-396-7900 immediately!

CHMCC Awarded Kresge Arts and Baltimore Community Foundation

Grant for "Taste of CHuM" Arts Cook Book

Starting January 2010, CHMCC will begin its Saturday Arts Brunches, creating art and memories while eating together for the "Taste of CHuM Arts Cook Book." Neighbors coming together to make art can revolutionize the way we think about our community. Since CHM has so many great cooks from diverse backgrounds, this Arts Cookbook will be a testimony to our delicious creativity and unique perspectives. Making art and eating together is a perfect way to begin our journey to a healthier, stronger CHM.



CHM's Own "Hostess with the Mostest," Linda Lomax

Calling CHM Residents!

Send in Your Nutritious, Cost Effective Breakfast, Lunch, and Brunch Recipes TODAY!

CHM residents are invited to send in "Taste of CHuM" recipes, adjusted to serve 8 people by January 1st, 2010 to

CHMCC Attn: Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator
3220-A The Alameda Baltimore, MD 21218
or fax to (410) 235-7456 or email liveinchum@verizon.net
Make sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address!

If chosen for the "Taste of CHM" project, you will be given funds to prepare your dish for an Arts Brunch, and bring 3 people from your block to join us! A total of 20 people will attend each brunch. Local artists will help residents create art that will be included with each recipe in "The Taste of CHuM," Arts Cookbook.

This project is funded by Kresge Arts in Baltimore, a partnership with the Baltimore Community Foundation.



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 neighborhood,
become a leader against crime and grime.

Tuesday Nights, 4:30-5:30pm

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**.

Looking for Responsible Adult Volunteers! CHMC Center Open for Youth & Young Adults Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9pm

To coincide with the success of CHM's GED Classes,
CHM has opened its rec. center doors for basketball, foos-
ball, and mentoring for youth and young adults in CHM.
We need responsible adult volunteers to help supervise. If
you'd like to join the youth for Mondays and Wednesdays,
call Catherine @ (410) 235-6715 to participate.

Teen Talk

AN OUTLET FOR TEEN YOUTH IN BALTIMORE

Visit the new CHMCC myspace.com/teentalk21218

Thursday, November 19th 6-8pm FREE

(move 3d one week up b/c of Thanksgiving)

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

Real Food Farm Comes to CHM's Clifton Park

Excerpted from Baltimore City Paper, By Joe Tropea,

"This is a great day for city schools," says Tyler Brown, the 24-year-old project manager of Real Food Farm, a new agricultural endeavor located in Lake Clifton Park. On a recent fall day, Brown is working with a group of 30-40 volunteers, students, and construction workers who are building three hoop houses, or high-tunnel greenhouses, on a stretch of land next to Lake Clifton High School. Civic Works, the city's nonprofit youth-service organization, will build 20 more just beyond the football field.

The food grown in these greenhouses--all manner of vegetables and other produce--will be tended by students, educators, volunteers, and individuals training to be master gardeners. The food will be sold and distributed to schools, farmers' markets, and possibly through a CSA (community supported agriculture) that may be set at Lake Clifton High.

If Real Food Farm is successful--and there's reason to believe it will be considering the success of a similar endeavor in the city called Great Kids Farm --it could mean the dawn of an agricultural economy within city limits that provides locally produced, fresh food to inner-city neighborhoods.

"All of the food grown in here, which is going to be spinach, lettuces, cold crops for the fall, are going to be going directly to the kids," Brown adds. "The city school system has agreed to buy our first harvest."

Tony Geraci, department head of Food and Nutrition Services for the Baltimore City School System, confirms this later in a phone interview. "Nobody else is doing this in the country," he says, adding that the project was completed without taxpayer dollars. Instead, it was funded by grants and private investment and with crucial help from people like Ted Rouse, son of ... James Rouse.

This past May, Rouse presented a plan created by Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance to the city that called for, among other things, the 20 hoop houses to be built at Lake Clifton. "The city was great about taking seriously our request for underutilized park land," he writes.

When asked what kind of potential he thinks Real Food Farm and other such sustainable-agricultural projects could have in the city, Rouse is enthusiastic.

"I believe there are at least 1,500 acres of underutilized land in the city that could be used for urban agriculture," he writes. "I think we could employ as many as four people per acre. Six-thousand jobs in urban agriculture is not a pipe dream. (to see full article, go to citypaper.com/printStory.asp?id=19151)

CHMCC Conducts Resident Survey to Determine Best Use of Old Library (1443 Gorsuch)

CHMCC is conducting a resident survey to determine the best use for the old Enoch Pratt Library at 1443 Gorsuch Avenue. “Reviewing property usage is critical to the responsible development of a community but often takes a back seat to special interests”, says Mark Washington, Executive Director of CHMCC. CHMCC and Strategic Management Consulting surveyed community residents in the immediate area to identify their wishes for the location. The survey asked one simple question:

What do you think the community needs at 1443 Gorsuch Ave. (the old Enoch Pratt Library)?

- A. Job Training, Employment and Skill Development Center B. Learning and Family Support Center
C. Community Non-Profit offices D. Library E. Church F. Other*

Of those surveyed, 50% think a Job Training Center is needed at the site. 36% said they would like to see the Library return. 12% think a Family Support Center is needed. 2% would like the space to become offices for community non-profits. 0% would like the building to be occupied by a church. Dr. Angela Faltz, Abbottston Elementary School’s Principal, has expressed interest in utilizing the Old Library as new learning facility for Abbottston students and the community. CHMCC will advise City Zoning Officials of the survey results.

November

Senior Happenings

Just as the first thanksgiving event celebrated the creation of community and the late autumn harvest, this month’s events center around coming together and sharing our bounty. I hope you will join us.

Bingo: Friday, 11/6 at 10 am – Fun and prizes at the CHM center.

6X Express: Tuesday, 11/10 at 12: 30 pm – Free transportation to Giant Supermarket. **You must call 410-366-8533 x205 before 11/6 to sign up.**

Senior meeting: Friday, 11/13 at 10 am

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Tuesday, 11/24 at 7 pm – Food and fellowship at the CHM center. For more info, call Catherine at 410-235-6715.

Special grocery trip: Wednesday, 11/25 starting at 9 am – Free transportation to Wegman’s Grocery Store, Sears, boutique shops and restaurants.

Special Thanksgiving prize offered for all participants.

You must call Christy 410-366-8533 x205 before 11/23 to sign up.

All events held at the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corporation Center, 3220-A The Alameda (unless otherwise noted).

Contact Christy Bullman at 410-366-8533 x205

for more information

or to sign up for event transportation.

Community Calendar

Nov 5th – NST Meeting 11am

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Nov 6th – Bingo (Senior Activity) 10am

Nov 10th – 6X Express (Giant) 12:30pm

Nov 12th – Heat Team Meeting 12noon

Nov 12th – Community Meeting 7pm

Nov 13th – Senior Meeting 10am

Nov 17th – C-SAFE VPI Summit 9-4pm

Nov 18th – NE Police Community Relations Meeting 6:30pm

*Nov 24th – Thanksgiving Dinner 7pm

Nov 25th – Food Basket Distribution 9am

Nov 25th – Senior Special Grocery Trip
9am – Wegman's Grocery Store, Sears,
Boutique Shops & Restaurants

Call (410) 235-6715 for more info

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



**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!

****Low Interest Purchase, Refinancing,
and Home Improvement Loans** **Block Projects**
****Events** **Neighborhood Ambassadors******

CHM Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

*Good Food and Fellowship
@ the CHM Center*

*Tuesday, November
24th, 7pm*



Call (410) 235-6715 for more info

City Schools Have Pre-K Openings Available for 4-Year-Olds

Baltimore City Public Schools has pre-kindergarten seats available for all 4-year-olds at schools across the city, and it is not too late to enroll your child for the 2009-10 school year and start them on the path to succeed in school. The sooner our children start school, the better they do in school.

If you have a 4-year-old child who is not yet enrolled in a pre-K program, please visit www.baltimorecityschools.org to see which schools have available seats or call City Schools' Office of Early Learning at 443-984-3752. And if you have family members or friends who have young children, please pass along this important information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-235-6715

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