



# 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\* Sept. 10th @ 7:00pm**

## **CHMCC Efforts To Improve Community Gain City Support**

### **A New Harford Road Is On The Way**

Good things come to those who persevere! Four years ago, as a part of the CHM Agenda and Area Plan, CHM recommended improvements to the Harford Road corridor that included beautification, new streetscapes and traffic calming measures to complement the upgrades at Lake Montebello. Now, after months of negotiations the new and improved Harford Road will become a reality.

Construction on the project will start in the spring of 2010. CHMCC and the Department of Transportation have been planning this effort for 3 years. It will include planting trees, resurfacing the road, adding a bike lane, and a planted median from 25th Street to Erdman Avenue. In addition CHMCC will be working with local businesses to improve their store fronts and building facades. A dream becomes a reality on Harford Road.

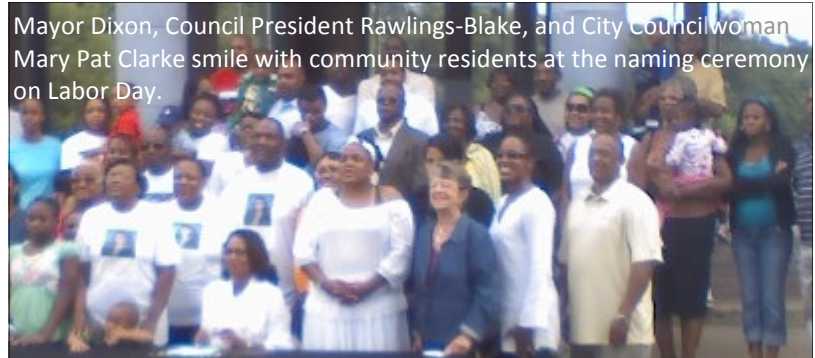
### **CHMCC Gets Award To Illuminate Martin Luther**

“Sometimes a good idea just needs time to catch on,” says CHM Executive Director, Mark Washington. After losing out on it’s 2008 grant request for the Martin Luther Statute , CHMCC rewrote and resubmitted its request for 2009 Baltimore City/Healthy Neighbor-hoods Capital Improvement funding. CHM was selected by Mayor Dixon and Healthy Neighborhoods as a winning project. “I think this speaks volumes about the City’s and Healthy Neighborhoods’ commitment to CHM” added Washington. The lighting will add a touch of elegance to the community and highlight one of the community’s most historic assets. Many thanks to Mark Sissman and Barbara Aylesworth of HNI, DOT’s Col. Al Foxx, Richard Hooper & Brent Hooper, Recreation and Parks’ Wanda Durden & Leslie Murphy, Neighbor-hood Design Center’s Marc Cameron and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke for their hard work and support.

### **Join CHMCC For “A Taste of Montebello” Housing Tour**

On September 19th, select CHM residents will open their doors to offer tasty treats and share their unique experiences of why they love living in CHM. Sellers will also hold open houses on that day, showing the best of what CHM has to offer in available housing stock. As we move forward in attracting new residents we invite you to celebrate the beauty of the neighborhood. Put your best foot forward and continue to spruce up your homes, clean your alleyways, and come out to meet your future neighbors.

Mayor Dixon, Council President Rawlings-Blake, and City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke smile with community residents at the naming ceremony on Labor Day.



### **CHM Celebrates Rita Church in Clifton Park Rec. Center Naming Ceremony**

**Labor Day, September 7, 2009 @ 12:00 pm, Clifton Park Pool House, reprinted from March 2009 Porch Light**

Ms. Church graced the community of CHM for decades with straight talk, a gentle smile and a hearty laugh. Through the years she helped raise more than her own children; she helped raise a community and a host of political figures. Ms. Church was always dutiful in her service, first as one of the leaders of CHMCC, then with Quality of Life and Adopt A House, and later as a member of the Baltimore City Council . Throughout her life, Ms. Church fought to improve the lives of those who would never know her name but would benefit from her deeds. The community of CHM will mourn her loss but will forever cherish her life. She set an example for all to follow and left a legacy that should inspire us all to reach higher, achieve more and dare to dream unbound by our circumstance or limitations. **Rita Church was a hero!**

## CHMCC Public Safety Corner

### GED CLASSES BEGIN

#### Registration Continues for GED Classes

Call Catherine Trotter, (410) 235-6715 for more information. **Must register and take assessment prior to starting class.**

### 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.



### CHMCC Salutes It's Summer Stars

Each week CHMCC hosted fun filled family events. The stars of these events were a group of tireless, dedicated community advocates. Mr. Umoja, our chef par excellent, Ms. Leslie, our greeter, Jea Chapman & family, our vendors and Anthony Walters, our muscle. Thanks to TEAM CHM and all of the others that helped make summer great.

## TreeNeighborhood Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Tree (select one):

flowering    shade

Tree Placement (select one):

front yard    back yard

Order Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Return this form to:

Coldstream Homestead Montebello Comm. Corp, Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator  
3220-A The Alameda Baltimore, MD 21218  
Fax (410) 235-7456

**Orders sent to TreeBaltimore by September 15, 2009 will receive priority processing.**

*TreeBaltimore cannot guarantee that orders placed after September 15 will be filled.*



## TreeNeighborhoods Program

**TreeBaltimore is Coming to Your Neighborhood, Home and Your Business!**

TreeBaltimore is a part of Mayor Sheila Dixon's Greener Baltimore initiative. This fall, TreeBaltimore is launching its

TreeNeighborhood program to provide **FREE** trees to residents of CHM. In order to take advantage of this special pricing, neighborhoods must order a minimum of ten trees. **Because of its designation as a Healthy Neighborhood, trees for CHM ordered through the TreeNeighborhood program will be free.**

**Tree orders will be collected through September 15**, and trees will be delivered to **CHM** in October. For more information about the TreeNeighborhood program contact **Natalya @ (410) 235-6715**. Completed tree order forms should also be returned to **Natalya**. For more information about TreeBaltimore, contact Anne Draddy, TreeBaltimore Coordinator, at [anne.draddy@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:anne.draddy@baltimorecity.gov).

Trees planted in the right place save on energy costs, provide shade, and cool and clean our air and water. TreeBaltimore's TreeNeighborhood program represents a great opportunity for you to beautify your neighborhood, increase the value of your property, and reduce your energy costs. Join us in creating a Greener Baltimore!



### CHM Back To School Youth Extravaganza Huge Success

The youth extravaganza was a great success with over 100 youth from the CHM community that participated throughout the 3-day youth event. Not only did the youth participate but parents, grandparents and neighbors in CHM came out in support of the 3-day youth extravaganza. The purpose of the youth extravaganza was to help prepare each youth for their return to school, to turn away from peer pressure, to not be followers but instead to lead. The youth participated in engaging activities where positive relationships were built and a core of Youth Leaders emerged in CHM, ready to

help CHMCC transform environments and minds through their unique talents and perspectives. The event included a School Preparedness motivational speech and activities, An Anti-Bullying rally and workshop, an HIV awareness discussion, and a school supply give-away. Thanks to Reaching Out to Help You Worldwide Ministries, Baltimore All Star Marching Band, Morgan State University Sigma Gamma Rho Step Team, Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Baltimore City Police Department for partnering with us to make the youth extravaganza a triumph.



### Recycling and Trash Talk....

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

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Residents do not need special recycling bins—citizens can use cardboard boxes to recycle.** People can also use regular trash bins with the word “recycling” written on them, or the triangle arrow symbol drawn on the bins.
2. **You do not need a lid for recycling boxes or cans.** Please do NOT put recycling in plastic trash or grocery bags.
3. You DO need a **trash bin and tight fitting lid for trash pick up.**

4. Recycling does NOT cause rats when people **rinse out their cans, bottles, milk, yogurt cartons, etc.** before recycling them.

5. 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!

6. Call Healthy Neighborhoods coordinator for more information of if you’d like to organize a ‘trash talk’ dialogue or education and outreach plan.



### 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

**9/10/09 @ 7 pm**

CHM Community Meeting

**9/4/09 @ 10 am**

6X Express Shuttle

Free roundtrip ride from your home to Giant Supermarket - 410-366-8533 x205

**9/11/09 @ 10 am**

Senior meeting CHMCC Center

**9/14/09 @ 6 pm**

Credit repair class CHMCC Center, RSVP to 410-235-6715

**9/18/09 @ 10 am**

6X Express Shuttle

Free roundtrip ride from your home to Food Depot - 410-366-8533 x205

**9/19/09 @ 10 am**

Taste of Montebello Walking Tour  
Tour homes for sale, meet residents as they open their homes RSVP to CHMCC

**9/21/09 @ 10 am**

Eating Together

Coldstream Recreational Center, 1401 Fillmore St, activities and lunch shared with your neighbors every Monday and Thursday – 410-467-2707

**9/21/09 @ 10am**

Green Summit Event @ Morgan State

**9/23/09 @ 6pm**

Senator Conway's Community Meeting @ Morgan State

**9/25/09 @ 10 am**

Lifelong Gathering

Social gathering at IHOP, 6820 Loch Raven Blvd, free coffee or juice, transportation available (410) 366-8533 x205

**9/30/09 @6pm**

Share Your Story

**10/2/09 @ 10 am**

6X Express Shuttle

Free roundtrip ride from your home to Giant Supermarket, 410-366-8533 x205  
**Call (410) 235-6715 for more information**

## CHM is a Healthy Neighborhood

### The Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative

**raises your property values by emphasizing high standards of improvement, maintenance, and resident involvement**



## Make the MOST of YOUR HOME

### Credit Repair Class

**Monday, September 14th, 6pm**

Learn about the details. How to get started and follow through on repairing your credit. Get help starting from the first step all the way to a healthy credit score.

We've got to start somewhere when rebuilding our credit. Here is the place to start! RSVP to Natalya @ (410) 235-6715.

### Home Ownership Counseling

Mortgage in Trouble? Need someone to help negotiate on your behalf with your mortgage company? Call Jennifer James, Homeownership counselor from BENI, offering services to the residents of CHM, free of charge. Offers one on one counseling. Call Jennifer James @ 410.485.8422 to schedule an appointment.

### Having trouble keeping up with your lawn?

Call CHM resident and expert Mr. Henry @ (443) 740-8820 for a fair price and reliable lawn care. Keep the neighborhood looking great!

## Senator Conway Hosts Community Meeting on September 23rd, 6pm at Morgan State University

Senator Joan Carter Conway will be at the Murphy Fine Arts Center Recital Hall on Argonne Dr. to give residents information relating to legislation passed during the 2009 session, the 2010 legislative agenda, and update on the economic crisis and its impact on our state. The Senator is also 'most interested in community concerns which have not been addressed.' Various representatives will also be in attendance to answer questions. A light fare will be served, and parking is available on the adjacent lot. Please RSVP to (410) 467-7125.

## Congressman Elijah E. Cumming's GREEN SUMMIT EVENT

*Featuring Guest Speaker White House Representative Van Jones, White House Council on Environmental Quality, Special Advisor for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation*

September 21st, 10am—12pm

@ Morgan State University, Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center, Turpin Lamb Theatre 2201 Argonne Drive 21251

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-235-6715**

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\*\* Join the Coldstream Homestead Montebello Facebook page and get updated on events and happenings in our community!**