



Neighbors are encouraged to submit articles and ideas to the Porch Light.. Please submit your thoughts using one of the following methods:

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ROLL OFF DUMPSTER

Saturday,
March 22nd,

28th &
The Alameda

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Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation

What Is Healthy Neighborhoods?

A Quick Review of the Possibilities:

- **Block Projects**—Healthy Neighborhoods provides grants for projects that make neighbors and friends, enhance curb appeal, add value and build strong blocks.
- **Refinancing and Renovation Loans**
- 1% below the 60-day Fannie Mae rate
- 30-year fixed rate
- No private mortgage insurance
- Loans to 110% of the after-rehab value
- Free design advice from an architect
- Eligible for \$10,000 Matching Grant for Rehab
- **Forgivable Loans** —
to buy foreclosed, abandoned, short-sale homes, City owned *Vacants to Value* and developer partner renovated homes

NSP2 Program! **\$25,000** for buyers of foreclosed, Short Sales and City owned properties! Tell your friends and colleagues and call HNI representative at CHMCC today!

CHM Healthy Neighborhoods at 410-235-6715 or email chmc.corp@verizon.net.

GET A JOB

HOT JOBS: Class A Technician 259793

One to four years of experience servicing diesel and gasoline powered vehicles. High school diploma or equivalent to comprehend general business practices plus technical training. Perform repairs and other duties in a timely manner and skills at the level depicted in the rating hours, be able to comprehend orders and directions from immediate supervisor, attain required skills to be qualified certified state inspector. Assist with necessary paperwork and other duties as assigned. Car is not required but you must have a CDL Driver's License. Position is accessible to public transportation.

To apply: E-mail a resume and cover letter to lsaunders@oedworks.com

HOT JOBS: Driver (CDL) 201422

Bus operators needed to transport passengers around the downtown Baltimore area. Drivers must be at least 21 years of age and have two years of driving experience with a passenger endorsement and the ability to drive with air brakes. If considered, applicants should provide a complete certified driving record no more than 30 days old from the date of application and a valid DOT physical. This position is contingent on successfully passing a DOT drug screen and background check.

To apply: E-mail a resume and cover letter to dholland@oedworks.com

SCHOLARSHIP ALERT COLLEGE PROWLER

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/featured-scholarships>

**\$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP
ANNOUNCEMENT**

FEBRUARY
2014



The Porch Light



Calendar of Events

February 19th
NE Community Relations Meeting @7p
5629 Harford Road

February 20th
Legendary Community Partnership Meeting
1701 N. Gay Street

February 22nd
AARP Free Tax Preparation @9a
6501 Colgate Ave.

February 24th
Harford Road Bridge Replacement Project @ 7p
Ray of Hope Baptist Church
3000 Parkside Drive

February 25th
Citywide Mechanical Street Sweeping Program @7:30p
League of People with Disabilities
1111 E. Coldspring Lane

February 27th
Project NETWORK @6p - CHMCC

A LOOK AHEAD
March 13th
CHM Community Meeting @ 7p

~Inside~

A PLEA FOR JUSTICE
COMMUNITY NEWS
JOB ALERT

"Transforming Environments & Minds" TEAM CHM

A Plea For Justice: An Open Letter To CHM Residents

While We Are A Community That Is Often Overlooked, Frequently Forgotten and Habitually Ignored We Have And Will Always Reflect That Which The Word Community Embodies; A Common Unity. Recent Events Have Come To Diminish That Common Unity. Again, We Have Lost Another Small Piece Of Our Humanity. In An Act That Some Will Grieve And Others Will Celebrate But None Should Accept A Life Was Taken. While We Will All Chastise This Monstrous Act Of Inhumanity And Rail About How This

Must Never Happen Again

In The End We Will Move On. That Is What We Do, We Move On. Move On Until The Next Monstrous Act Of Inhumanity Once Again Awakens Us From Our Oblivion And Shakes Us Into Consciousness And Then Too We Will Do More Of The Same And Then Move On. I Don't Know If This Open Letter To CHM Residents Will Change Anything. History Tells Us Probably Not. Some Will Ask What Does It Matter, Why Should I Care; There Will Be Another Tragic Act Of Violence We Will All Come To Mourn. My Hope Is This Letter Will Serve To Stir Our Thoughts About Our Condition And What We As A People Are Willing To Accept And Ignore. Critics Will Come Forth And Disparage An Organization As Pretenders Doing No Visible Good. They Will Scorn Ineffectual Politicians As Shameless Self Promoters Exploiting The Situation For Their Own Political Gain. They Will Speak Of Faceless Clergy, Who Build Temples Unto Themselves, Feigning A Connection To A Community They Hardly Know And Seldom Serve.

This They Will Say With An Ounce Of Truth.

And While Neither, Politicos, Clergy Nor Organization Directly Put A Gun In The Hand Of Or Pulled The Trigger, Indirectly We All Failed In Our Responsibility To The Village That Raises The Child. Someone's Child Lost Their Life In A Horrible Act of Violence That Has Become All Too Familiar On The Streets Of Baltimore. And We As A Society Are The Worst For It. And While There May Be An Ounce Of Truth To What The Critics Will Say, These Lives, Strangers To Me And So Many Others Working For Change, Matter! I Cannot Speak Of What Is In Another Man's Heart, But Tonight As So Many Nights Before My Heart Will Lie Heavy. Heavy With The Grief Of Another Life Lost. Heavy With The Regret That Taking Another's Life Has Become The Norm. Heavy With The Sorrow That We As Society Failed Those Who Pulled The Trigger. And Most Of All Heavy With The Knowledge That We As A Community Will Deny Justice By Confusing A Destructive Code Of Silence With What Is Just. I Ask Of You To Join Us In Doing Something That Matters. Help Us Find A Way To Heal Ourselves! Help Us Bring Closure To A Family In Grief. ****If You Have Any Information Regarding The Levar Crawford Case Please Call 911**** Keeping A People Oppressed Is A Difficult Challenge. One Made Easier When The Oppressed Aide In Their Own Demise. When Will We Realize That We Must Not Fight With Each Other
But For One Another! ~Mark

LAKE MONTEBELLO ICE BOWL

Lake Montebello Ice Bowl UPDATE: We had 12 players for the inaugural Lake Montebello Ice Bowl on Sunday, 2/9/14 - not bad for a hastily-organized first effort. Along with contributions from several non-playing disc-golfers, we managed to raise \$227 for the Maryland Food Bank, with the winners all contributing their winnings to the charity!

NE CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers Softball team Potluck Meeting
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NE CRIME STOPPER POTLUCK MEETING
Sunday February 23, at 4pm at the CHMCC building. ALL interested players are welcomed to attend. Season starts in March!!! ~Coach Lindsay

HARFORD ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

**Harford Road Bridge
Replacement Project
Community Meeting**
February 24, 2014, 7:00 PM
Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the Harford Road Bridge Replacement Project TR03319. This is the community's opportunity to come and view the current plans for the project and provide feedback. It is also a great opportunity to learn how the project will impact traffic over its tenure. It is anticipated that construction will begin in Fall

AARP FREE TAX PREPARATION

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Walk-In: Saturday, February 22, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Appointment only: Saturday, March 8, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. Helena Community Building, 6509 Colgate Avenue

AARP can help you file your taxes for free. All ages are welcome, but participating households must make less \$100,000 annually. No appointment is necessary on February 22, but to make an appointment for March 8, or for more information, call Shirley Gregory at 410-633-6077.

RITA CHURCH

Rita Church Community Center in Clifton Park was dedicated on July 15, 2013. The center is named after the long-time Baltimore City Councilperson from the 3rd District until her retirement in 1999. She served as a member of the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Board and was often called the "Mayor of Coldstream-Homestead Montebello."

BLACK HISTROY MONTH CHM SPOT LIGHT

DORIS JOHNSON

Instrumental in establishing the Doris Johnson Medical Center, presently Total Health Care.

Baltimore CASH Campaign Free Tax Preparation

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Twelve Baltimore CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign sites are now open to help low- to moderate-income households save during this tax season. If your 2013 income was less than \$52,000 you may be eligible to have the Baltimore CASH Campaign's IRS-certified tax volunteers file your taxes for free! For more information or to make an appointment, call 410-234-8008 or visit **bmorefreetaxes.org**.

Baltimore CASH also offers help for students filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The Mayor's Office of Employment Development in Mondawmin Mall will offer special FAFSA clinics, run by Baltimore City Public Schools college readiness specialists, on February 1, 15, 22, and March 1; 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

GET A JOB

HOT JOBS: Construction Jobs

If you have at least one year of experience in the construction trades, local companies want you. Many construction companies seek general laborers, carpenters, bricklayers, pipe fitters, electricians, operating engineers, construction equipment operators, painters, welders, roofers, drywall/ceiling installers, brick masons, & other skilled workers. These jobs can range from seasonal, to jobs that require having your own transportation, to jobs that might last only through the length of contracts. As construction jobs become available, resumes will be reviewed to determine if you meet the minimum qualifications for the job opportunity. You will need a resume to apply. If you do not have a resume, please visit a One Stop Career Center. A list of our One Stop Career Center locations can be found on the last page of this bulletin.

To apply: E-mail a resume to: l Saunders@oedworks.com or fax your resume to Construction Jobs at 410-361-9648.

HOT JOBS: Security Guards 253717

Security guards will patrol areas of assigned buildings, check visitors in and out of the facility and have an overall customer friendly attitude. Six months to a year of experience is required. Position will be located in downtown Baltimore. Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a picture ID and social security card. You must also be able to pass a criminal background check.

To apply: E-mail a resume and cover letter to dholland@oedworks.com

HOT JOBS: Administrative Assistant/Receptionist 308055

Motivated candidate to work for a fast growing HVAC company to answer phones, file, schedule, data input and other administrative duties.

Must possess strong computer skills to include Microsoft Office: Word, Excel and Outlook as well as Internet skills. QUICKBOOKS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. Those not having QuickBooks experience need not apply. At least one year administrative assistant experience required. Must be a self-starter with excellent oral and written communication skills. Must possess strong organizational skills, a positive attitude and outstanding work ethic a must.

To apply: E-mail resume to rworen@oedworks.com