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Village Elections 2015:
Board of Directors Seats to be Filled by Appointment

Come out to vote in Village Elections on Saturday, April 25. We have one candidate, Chao Wu, running for the River Hill Columbia Council position. Check page 13 for his candidate statement. No valid nomination petitions were submitted for the three open positions on the Association's Board of Directors. These positions will be filled by appointment. Although uncontested, per the Association's legal documents we must hold an election and meet our quorum of votes. Therefore, every vote matters!

Voting will be held at Claret Hall on April 25 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Any River Hill resident age 18 or older is a member of the Association and entitled to vote. Residents must bring proof of person, residency, and age to the poll. A Maryland driver's license, Howard County voter registration card, passport, and/or birth certificate may be used. Newly settled residents may present a deed, lease, or a utility bill addressed to the individual at their River Hill address.

Absentee ballots will be available beginning on April 4 from 9 a.m. – noon at Claret Hall and during regular business hours thereafter. An absentee ballot may only be cast if no other member of the residence will cast a ballot at the polling place. Absentee ballots may be requested in writing through April 15 or in person at Claret Hall through April 24. Proof of person and age is required. All absentee ballots must be returned to Claret Hall by midnight on April 24.

The Lee Hee Kyung Traditional Dance Team performed at the Multicultural Craft Festival on February 21 at Claret Hall. More photos on page 15.

In conjunction with voting on April 25, the Association is sponsoring a Gold Party Event at Claret Hall from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Residents are invited to bring gold and silver items in for a no obligation, free evaluation by a Gold Party consultant. Should you decide to sell, Gold Party Event will make donations to Food on the 15th and the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. Appointments are not necessary, but preferred. For more information on this opportunity, visit page 10 of the newsletter.

Village Board Seats Remain Open

Beginning May 1, there will be three open positions on the Association's Board of Directors. All positions have a two-year term. The Village Board is accepting letters of interest through April 17. Applicants will be interviewed on April 20. Letters of interest should be addressed to: The River Hill Village Board, 6020 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD 21029 or emailed to manager@villageofriverhill.org.

Volunteers Still Needed

The Election Committee still needs volunteers to assist on Election Day from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. One hour shifts available! Please contact Susan Smith, Village Manager, at 410-531-1749 or manager@villageofriverhill.org if you are able to help.

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Monday/Wednesday/Friday	9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.–Noon

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Board Highlights . . .

March 16, 2015

- Appointed Dave Clark to fill the remainder of Choith Atlani's term on the Board.
- Approved a free use of Claret Hall by the Clarksville Rotary.
- Approved increased rental rates to go into effect May 1, 2015.
- The Board reviewed the draft FY16 Operating Budget and approved changes to increase legal and staff salary expenses in FY15. The Board approved a FY15 capital expenditure for new window treatments at Claret Hall. The revised FY16 draft budget was approved for publication for resident input.
- Executive Session Held: Personnel Matters.
- Minutes Approved: February 2, 2015.

Upcoming Board Meetings

April 20 – The Board will meet with the property owners to discuss permissible uses and covenants for 7410 Grace Drive. The Board will interview applicants for three open positions on the Village Board for terms beginning in May 2015 and ending April 30, 2017.

May 11 – The Board will meet with members of the Howard County Council to discuss the future of New Town Zoning, the results of the Columbia Market Study, and other local issues impacting the villages.

Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Claret Hall in the River Hill Village Center. Agendas are posted at Claret Hall on the Friday prior to the meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend Resident Speak-Out during each board meeting. If you have written material you would like the Board to review, please drop it by the village office by the Thursday prior to the meeting. All approved minutes are available for review at the village office. For additional information, please contact the village office.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:
April 20 & May 11 at 7 p.m. Please visit www.villageofriverhill.org to view the Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes.

Council Corner: A Final Retrospective

After eight years as your representative to the Columbia Council and the Board of Directors of the Columbia Association, I will be stepping down at the end of April. Therefore, this is my final column and an opportunity to look back, reflect and share some of the highlights of my term.

Admittedly, much of my focus was on open space, amenities and fiscal responsibility, we experienced quite a bit of growth and development in several major areas:

Fiscal Responsibility

During turbulent economic conditions, thanks in part to internal structural conditions, when the state and county were struggling with shrinking tax bases, CA avoided a potential economic crisis. We not only kept the assessment rate as it was, we were able to lower the cap twice and still have some of the strongest financial years in the history of CA, while maintaining the highest bond rating possible.

Upgrading Aging Infrastructure

We began upgrading our aging infrastructure including the gyms, the Sports Park, enhancements of many of the outdoor pools, Splash Down, the Tennis Club House in Owen Brown, rebuilding the Club House at Hobbits Glen, and construction of Columbia's mind body and wellness center – The Haven on the Lake. We completed lake dredging and adopted long-term lake management plans.

Energy and Environmental Sustainability

A "greening" plan for energy sustainability and recycling was adopted and improved over the years. This past month we announced CA's energy sources are now 100% sustainable – wind, solar, and geothermal.

The pathway around Lake Kittamaqundi has been completed after dredging and re-engineering the north side of the lake. Finally, people can complete the circuit without having to turn around and backtrack.

Retrofitting existing CA facilities with new technology and energy saving features has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars each year in energy reduction.

We adopted a Watershed Plan, hired a watershed manager, implemented rain garden projects, and even changed the grasses at our golf courses to reduce water usage and the use of chemicals in fertilizer and pesticides that helps save our rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

Most recently, CA announced a ban on the use of a class of pesticides that have been cited as contributing to bee colony collapse. As stewards of the land, we are going even further by planting pollinator friendly landscaping.

Partnerships

Reaching out to stakeholders in the community, our Annapolis delegation, the county council and executive, and the business community, the spirit of cooperation has never been higher. One of the best examples was the creation of CA's Connectivity Plan which integrates with the county and state plans for developing increased bikeability and walkability in and around Columbia.

Peoples Park in Symphony Woods

While the press seemingly loved to fan the flames of opposition over this project, CA created the Inner Arbor Trust to implement a bold, innovative plan and vision for Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods. Ground breaking is expected to begin this spring.

During my tenure, I have served in a variety of capacities, including:

Board Committees: Planning & Strategy Committee as vice chair and chair, Strategic Implementation and External Relations, and as Chair of the Search Committee that brought our recent President, Milton Matthews to Columbia.

Additionally, I had the honor of serving as vice chair and later Chairman of the full Board, and served seven years on the Audit Committee – six of those as Chair.

Thank you to the people who helped me along the way:

My wife, Bonnie, for putting up with the long meeting hours, being dragged to political functions where she didn't know people, and serving as my sounding board and editor.

My mentors, advisors, and providers of guidance and wisdom, Tom O'Connor, Shari Zaret, the late Maggie Brown, Phil Nelson, and Jackie Tuma.

Our fabulous Village Manager, Susan Smith, and her team, for all their support, service, and everything they do for our community and Village Board.

All our volunteers who have served on our village board; the various chairs including Kenny Kan, our most recent chair, for their leadership and dedication.

I have come to know and treasure the many relationships I have with Board Members past and present as well as senior management within CA. It is the people I will miss most of all.

My successor will be busy! There is still much to do with upgrading our facilities, managing our expanding demand for services, and development of Downtown Columbia. I am sure they will be up to the challenge and will do a great job of representing River Hill and serving the larger community of Columbia.

I'm still here and involved in the community, working with the village, the Boy Scouts and congregation, and a business startup. And the future? Public service is still a calling. You never know.

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Speak Up for Trees

Let's call April Arbor Month. After all, the first Wednesday in April is Maryland's Arbor Day and the last Friday in April is National Arbor Day.

We could also call this Tree Appreciation Month. Trees provide countless benefits without us so much as noticing. As the Lorax said, we should "speak for the trees for the trees have no tongues." Trees:

- help clean the air by absorbing pollutants,
- cool city streets and help reduce home air-conditioning costs,
- add to property values,
- absorb greenhouse gases and give off oxygen,
- prevent soil erosion and slow evaporation of rain from lawns,
- offer a shady spot for picnics and swings,
- provide food and wood,
- serve as windbreaks and so much more, and
- studies have found the mere presence of trees in neighborhoods decreases violence.

Trees also are key to helping clean our waterways. Rain falling on trees filters through the leaves and trunk into the roots and soil and recharges groundwater instead of rushing over pavement and carrying pollutants to our streams and rivers.

Whether planting a tree or tending a young tree in your yard, keep these tips in mind:

- Don't let mulch touch the bark. A mulch volcano around the trunk weakens the bark, invites disease and pests, and can even kill a tree. During a tree's first two to three years, form a ring of mulch in a 2- to 3-feet radius around the trunk, following the drip line. The mulch buffer will protect the trunk and roots from lawn mowers and weed-whackers and help retain soil moisture. Two or three inches of mulch is plenty.
- Not all trees are meant to grow in Maryland. Invasive nonnative trees and plants drive out local species, reducing biodiversity and setting up a constant and costly struggle to beat them back. Nonnative trees also discourage local insects, which might sound good but really isn't. As entomologist and professor Douglas Tallamy said in a brilliant New York Times op-ed: "An American yard dominated by Asian ornamentals does not produce nearly the quantity and diversity of insects needed for birds to reproduce. Some might argue that we should just let those birds breed 'in nature.' That worked in the past, but now there simply is not enough 'nature' left. And it shows. Many bird species in North America have declined drastically in the past 40 years." http://nyti.ms/1BqwsKX
- Common tree species to avoid are: Norway maple (Acer platanoides), mimosa (Albizia julibrissin), white mulberry (Morus alba), sawtooth oak (Quercus acutissima), autumn olive (Elaeagnus umbellata), Russian olive (Elaegnus angustifolia), Bradford pear (Pyrus calleryana), empress tree (Paulownia tomentosa) and tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima). Bamboo, which is a grass, is another fast-growing invasive often used as a tree-like screen. It sends out horizontal stems underground that pop up several feet away and can grow 2 feet a day.
- Avoiding nonnative trees still leaves abundant choices. More than 60 types of trees are native to Maryland, including the white oak (the state tree), beech, red maple, black gum, American dogwood, and redbud. A full list is here: http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/html/trees.html#invasive.

To learn more about "Plants to Use vs. Plants to Lose," please join us 7 – 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 at Claret Hall.

Watershed moments:

- April 15, 7–9 p.m. Claret Hall. Plants to Use vs. Plants to Lose: What to buy at the nursery, what to avoid and why. Free presentation by the River Hill Watershed Committee and the Columbia Association.
- April 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Greenfest at Howard Community College. Please visit us at the River Hill Watershed Committee's table. We'll be giving out the best lawn tips ever and much more.
- May 3, 10 a.m. –1 p.m., help pull invasive plants in River Hill. Meet at Claret Hall.

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Save the Date: River Hill RideAbout on May 16

Mark your calendars for the River Hill RideAbout, a family friendly bicycle ride taking place on Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m., which will introduce a short, 2.8-mile route through beautiful open space in the village of River Hill.

The ride was developed after feedback from participants in the popular annual Columbia BikeAbout, which has a lengthier route through the natural topography of Columbia and can be difficult for some.

"We wanted to design an event that would be easier for young children and others who are perhaps just getting interested in cycling," said Barbara Kellner, director of Columbia Association's (CA) Columbia Archives, which is co-sponsoring the event with the River Hill Community Association. "The River Hill RideAbout not only offers a short route but also allows people to explore River Hill, which has never been featured in a BikeAbout."

The marked route will include two stops along the way highlighting the history of River Hill and the work of the village's watershed committee to improve the environment.

Pre-registration for the RideAbout is encouraged online at RiverHillRideAbout.EventBrite.com. For more information, please email Columbia.Archives@ColumbiaAssociation.org or call 410-715-6781.

Columbia BikeAbout will return Sept. 26.

Preparing for Spring Home Repairs and Improvements

The months of February and March brought us record-breaking cold weather, along with snow, sleet and ice storms. You may have required emergency repairs for frozen or burst pipes and other cold-weather related issues but may have left non-emergency work such as tree removal or driveway repair for spring. When looking to hire someone to make repairs in your home or on your property, keep these tips in mind:

Check with your insurance company first. The company may require that you use specific contactors, or offer recommendations. Also ask about the extent of your coverage. For example, your insurance may cover the cost of replacing only damaged sections of siding and roofing materials. If you want the surrounding area to match, you will need to pay for replacing the non-damaged areas.

Make sure your contractor is properly licensed. Home improvement contractors and tree care services must be licensed. To verify a contractor' license, contact: the Maryland Home Improvement Commission at 410-333-6301 or at www.dllr.state.md.us. Verify a tree services license by calling the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 410-260-8511 or at www.dnr.maryland.gov.

Be on the lookout for traveling door-to-door con artists. They may offer low prices but never deliver. All door-to-door solicitors must be registered and carry an ID card issued by the Office of Consumer Affairs. Do not do business with an unregistered solicitor. Chances are that if an estimate provided sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Take your time and comparison shop before signing a contract. Contracts should be specific about materials and brands, and start and completion dates. Make sure all verbal promises are included in the contract. Door-to-door sales contracts must also include a 3-day right of cancellation.

Do not obtain any County building permits yourself. Contractors are required by law to obtain all permits.

For more information on this and other consumer topics, contact the Howard County Office of Consumer Affairs at www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer or call 410-313-6420.

Public Notice Regarding Trotter Road Project

Late this summer, scenic Trotter Road may be undergoing improvements by the Department of Public Works. A project to design and construct 875 linear feet of sewer and 950 linear feet of water main to serve properties on Trotter Road has been proposed. Public water and sewer mains will be extended within Trotter Road from the current terminus at the round-a-bout at the intersection of South Wind Circle and Trotter Road to a point approximately 1,000 feet south at the intersection of Tall Timbers Trail.

Any persons interested in providing testimony on the design of the proposed improvements will be heard by the Public Works Board on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Columbia/Ellicott Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043. Sign interpretation is available with a three working day notice by calling 410-313-6400 (voice) or 410-313-6401 (TTY).

Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities

Spring has finally sprung and there are lots of opportunities to get outside and volunteer that will help our local environment.

Project Clean Stream - April 11

Volunteers are needed to clean up a tributary of the Little Patuxent River in Savage. Volunteers will be removing tires and trash from the stream and surrounding land. 9 a.m. - noon. Contact Shawnte Berry at sberry@howardcountymd.gov for more details. Or call 410-313-7275 and sign up for activity RP3080.301.

Tree Planting - April 18

10-15 more volunteers are needed to plant trees during Earth Day with Recreation and Parks. 9 a.m. - noon at West Friendship Park. You must register to participate! Contact Linda DiPanfilo at ldipanfilo@howardcountymd.gov for more details. Or call 410-313-7275 and sign up for activity RP3071.301.

Howard Community College and the Howard County Forestry Board are planting trees and shrubs at HCC during GreenFest from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact Elissa Reineck at ereineck@howardcountymd.gov if you are interested. Visit the GreenFest website at www.hcgreenfest.org for more info on this and other GreenFest activities.

20 Minute Cleanup - April 22

Celebrate Earth Day with the 6th Annual 20 Minute Cleanup! This litter reduction project is easy to do and makes a big difference. Safely clean up an area of your choice and report the results to 20MinuteCleanup@howardcountymd.gov. Any day close to April 22 is fine. Great for groups such as businesses, Scouts, and schools or do a cleanup on your own. Visit this link on www.livegreenhoward.com to find out more.

Garlic Mustard Pull and Spring Wildflower Hike – April 28

Volunteer with the Conservation Stewardship Project in the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area on April 28 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Meet at the South Wind Circle Trailhead. No experience necessary, one-time volunteers are welcome. This event coincides with the blooming of numerous Virginia Bluebells and many other spring ephemerals that are seen along the wooded path. A guest speaker helps identify and discuss these beautiful, short-lived flowers. The work concludes at the verdant spot where Cricket Creek flows into the Middle Patuxent River. Although less Garlic Mustard is seen each year, volunteers should be prepared for a morning of vigorous garlic mustard removal. For more information contact Jeff Claffy, Assistant Natural Resources Manager, MPEA, 410-313-6209 or jclaffy@howardcountymd.gov.

Invasive Plant Pull – May 3

Join the River Hill Watershed Committee from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. as they remove invasives and plant natives in the area adjacent to the large stormwater management pond behind the Columbia Gym. Meet at Claret Hall. Wear long pants and long sleeves and appropriate footgear.

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Howard County's annual GreenFest will be held on Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Burrill Galleria and Quad, Howard Community College. The event is rain or shine (most of it is held indoors) and free.

This year's GreenFest theme is "Living with Wildlife." The event will focus on increasing knowledge about wildlife and how to use that knowledge to live in harmony with nature. Information will include deer resistant gardens, native butterflies and birds, benefits of rain gardens, effects of climate change on wildlife, rain barrel and composting workshops, and other "green" themes.

Celebrate Earth Month with 80 displays providing practical information about steps to promote environmental responsibility. Plan to attend one of the many information sessions. Be sure to collect your favorite green giveaways throughout the festival and stop by the River Hill Watershed Committee's table! Lunch will be available for purchase. For a complete schedule of information sessions and more information visit www.hcgreenfest.org.

9th Annual Dog Day Afternoon

Woof! There it is! Columbia Association (CA) is excited to announce that it will be hosting the ninth annual Dog Day Afternoon on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at a new location: Columbia DogPark, 5901 Rivendell Lane, adjacent to the Harper's Choice Village Center in Columbia.

CA invites local canines – and their people – to a free afternoon of contests, treats, activities and lots of tail-wagging fun.

Dog lovers can enter their four-legged friends into the Tail-Wagging Contest; Most Fashionable Fashion Show; Bone-Eating Contest; Columbia's Cutest Canine Contest; and more. Additional entertainment may include raffles, music, food – and yes, for dogs and for humans – pet demos, face painting, a moon bounce (for people only), caricature artists, and an arts and crafts station sponsored by The Columbia Art Center.

Back by popular demand this year will be pet communications readings with pet communicator Emerald DuCoeur.

CA also will be selling their official Dog Day Afternoon T-shirts for $10, or two for $15. Pet communications readings will be $10 for 10 minutes. Caricature drawings of your loveable four-legged friend(s) are $5 for a black-and-white drawing and $10 for a color drawing. Microchipping will also be available for a minimal fee. Only cash will be accepted during Dog Day Afternoon. A portion of the proceeds will benefit a local nonprofit to be announced.

In addition, CA will be collecting items to be donated to the nonprofit, including:

- canned cat and dog food,
- dry cat and dog food,
- soft treats and biscuit-type treats,
- new dog and cat toys (Kong-type indestructible toys are great),
- blankets and towels,
- buckle- or martingale-type collars,
- leashes,
- gift cards from pet stores for emergency food and supplies.

This free event also will feature local businesses and organizations that focus on the health, happiness and well-being of our beloved furry friends.

This year's event is being sponsored by our Tail Waggin' Sponsor: Camp Bow Wow of Columbia, and by the Top Dog Sponsors: Banfield Pet Hospital, Bark! Pawsitive Pet Food, Subaru, and VCA Animal Hospitals.

Association Proposes Draft FY16 Operating Budget

Each year the Village Board is responsible for developing a budget for the operation of the River Hill Community Association. The Board of Directors will approve the final budget at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 20 at 7 p.m. Please submit your input by contacting Susan Smith, Village Manager, at manager@villageofriverhill.org or 410-531-1749.

River Hill Community Association
Draft FY16 Operating Budget

	FY16 Budget	FY15 Budget	FY15 Estimate
Revenue			
1. CA	252,707	245,107	248,001
2. Lease & Rental	161,480	152,000	166,527
3. Tuition & Enrollment	0	0	0
4. Interest	200	200	207
5. Special Events	0	1,050	1,646
6. Fees	100	200	154
7. Miscellaneous	60,000	51,000	60,310
8. Gain/Loss on Disp of Asset	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	474,487	449,557	476,845
Expenses	FY16 Budget	FY15 Budget	FY15 Estimate
9. Staff Salaries	230,866	215,752	225,291
10. Janitorial Salaries	0	0	0
11. Contract Labor	0	0	0
12. Payroll Benefits	25,659	24,756	25,057
13. Payroll Taxes	18,917	17,497	18,721
14. Janitorial Expenses	40,000	39,245	37,298
15. Fees	20,800	27,000	32,271
16. Operating Expenses	7,865	6,544	7,352
17. Business Expenses	3,600	2,500	2,183
18. Insurance	13,500	11,500	8,703
19. Advertising	6,500	3,000	2,889
20. Newsletter	44,000	44,000	43,726
21. Other Printing	500	500	217
22. Donations/Contributions	0	0	450
23. Special Events	10,350	11,025	7,909
24. Taxes	100	100	61
25. Utilities	27,000	26,500	23,665
26. Repairs & Maintenance	18,086	17,200	15,295
27. Furniture & Fixtures	1,000	0	5,033
28. Total Exp Before Depr	468,743	447,119	456,121
29. Depreciation	4,744	2,438	3,558
30. TOTAL EXPENSES	473,487	449,557	459,679
Incr in Unrestricted Net Assets	1,000	0	17,166

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Village Elections and Gold Buying
Saturday, April 25
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come vote for the Columbia Council Representative
Your participation is vital to ensure a quorum is reached!

Letters of interest are still being accepted until April 17 at Claret Hall for positions for the River Hill Community Association (RHCA) Board of Directors.

After You Vote...Get Cash for Gold!

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Gold Party Event (License #2500) will donate a percentage of the total amount they purchase to RHCA, which in turn, will be donated to Food on the 15th and Grassroots..
2 Additional Dates for Gold Buying at Claret Hall sponsored by RHCA:
May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. & June 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Babysitters List

Alyssa Berman	Towering Oak Path	410-531-0874
Jennifer Bleakney	Waving Tree Court	410-531-5391
Grace Briggs	Empty Song Road	410-531-0382 (h)
(CPR and Red Cross Lifeguard)		443-472-0080 (c)
Kyla Clark	Great Star Drive	301-332-0370
Molly Farrell	Tall Timber Drive	443-995-7330
Abii Gannon	White Marble Court	240-383-6527
Natalie Greenlee	Indian Summer Drive	240-620-6053
Alison Orlosky	Autumn Wind Circle	410-245-7133 (c)
Kalala Pines		
CPR and First Aid trained		410-531-9072
Karenna Sarney	Quiet Night Ride	410-531-2492(h)
Karenna.sarney@gmail.com		410-294-4856 (c)
Caroline Siil	Western Star Run	410-531-5624
Liana Toy	Grateful Heart Gate	443-718-8720
Sarah Winchell	River Run	410-531-0135 (h)
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Would you like to be added to this list? Please call 410-531-1749 or email riverhill@villageofriverhill.org.

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River Hill Optical
410-531-7920

River Hill Sports Grille
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Tower Federal Credit Union
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The UPS Store
410-531-9861

Vintage Cellars
410-531-7860

CA Launches World Food Passport Program

You can go to a hotel for continental breakfast – or you can stay in Howard County and enjoy international cuisine. The range of restaurants in this area includes a variety of options from all over the globe, and Columbia Association (CA) is encouraging people to enjoy these cuisines through its new World Food Passport program.

"You can get to know a culture in large measure through food," said Laura Smit, manager of CA's international exchange and multicultural programs. "The World Food Passport program allows people to explore the amazing spectrum of food options and cultures represented around Howard County."

People can pick up their free World Food Passports from CA Headquarters, any of Columbia's 10 village community associations, the Howard County Tourism office in Historic Ellicott City, and at any of the six Howard County Library System branches. There is a limit of one passport per family.

Diners then eat at participating restaurants and ask their server or the manager to stamp their passports and fill in the name of the restaurant and the date of service. Once a passport holder has stamps in each of six categories – Asia; South Asia and Afghanistan; Mediterranean and Africa; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; and North America – they can enter a quarterly $25 restaurant gift certificate drawing at ColumbiaAssociation.org/FoodPassport.

The drawings will be held June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 in 2015, and March 31, 2016. Winners will be notified and may pick up their restaurant gift certificate at CA Headquarters.

Those who continue to add stamps move up in prize levels, with each level qualifying the diner to be entered from one to four times in the quarterly drawings:

Explorer: one stamp in each of the six categories,

World Traveler: two different stamps in each category,

World-Class Foodie: three different stamps in each category, and

Global Gourmet: four different stamps in each category/passport full.

For more information, or if you are restaurant seeking to participate, please contact Laura Smit at 410-715-3162 or International@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

Second Annual 7k Run to Remember at Centennial Park

The Maryland State's Attorneys' Association presents the Second Annual 7k Run to Remember at Centennial Park on Saturday, April 25. The charity run/walk will benefit the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence and coincides with National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 29-25). The race length (4.3 miles) represents one-k for every day of observance or remembrance.

The 7k run starts and finishes at the boat dock adjacent to the park's Centennial Lake. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. Packets can also be picked up the night before the event – Friday, April 24 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Road Runner Sports, 6630-C Marie Curie Dr., Columbia/Elkridge.

For more information go to www.active.com and search 7k run to remember.

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Meet the Candidate:

Columbia Council Representative
Chao Wu

I have been living at River Hill since 2010 with my wife and two children. We really enjoy our village life.

I have served on the Village Board of Directors and been volunteering in other NGOs, such as 80-20 Initiative. I would like to focus on Columbia's development, fiscal health, environmental protection and others.

First, CA development plan should include River Hill's development plan. Since I moved here, it seems all CA developments are in the download area.

Second, CA should have better fiscal policy. CA paid around 6 million dollars in interest last year.

Third, environmental protection and community development can coexist very well.

I obtained my PhD from University of Maryland, College Park. I am working as a senior R&D engineer at a high-tech company in Rockville.

I look forward to your votes to be the new Columbia council representative. Together we can make our community better.

Development Update

George Stone, of Greenstone Ventures II, LLC, met with the Village Board on March 2 to give an update on the Clarksville Commons development project. Clarksville Commons is the mixed-use project to be developed on the site of the former Gateway School and is located directly across MD 108 from the River Hill Village Center.

The property will be developed in two phases. The Phase I Site Development Plan has been approved by the County and is for the portion of the property closest to MD 108. The plan includes two, two-story buildings with a variety of environmental sustainability features and common areas. The buildings will contain a variety of retail and office uses, including Farm Plenty, a farm to table restaurant. This restaurant will be owned and managed by the Marriner Family who also own and operate Victoria's Gastro Pub in Columbia and Manor Hill Brewery in Ellicott City.

Access to the site will be provided by a fully functional intersection at the north end of the property on MD 108 (adjacent to the Wendy's restaurant). Groundbreaking is anticipated in the spring/early summer timeframe. Construction is expected to take 16 months.

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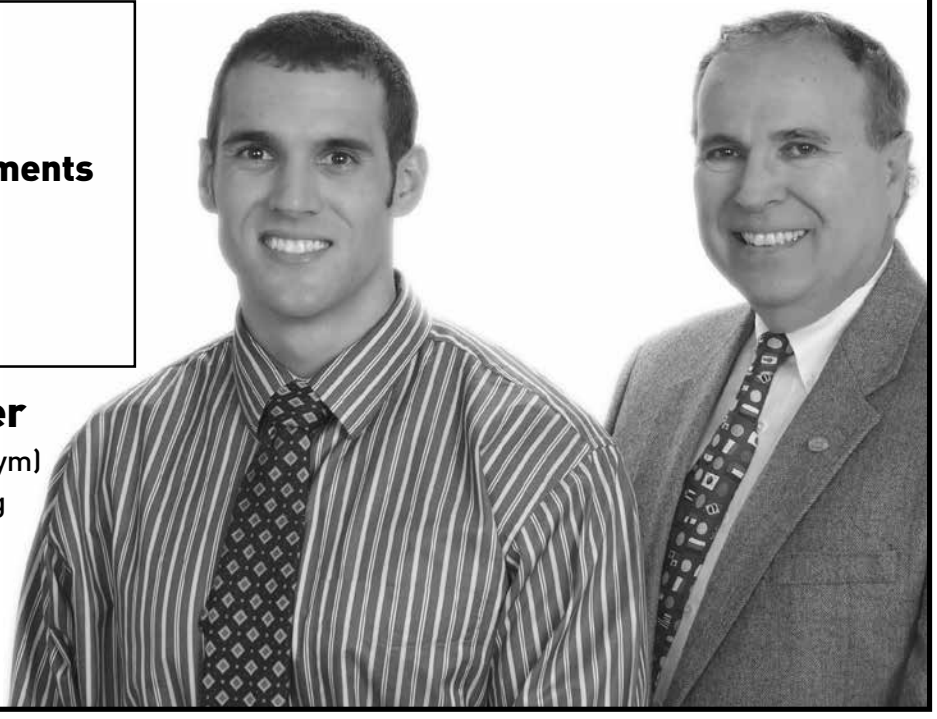

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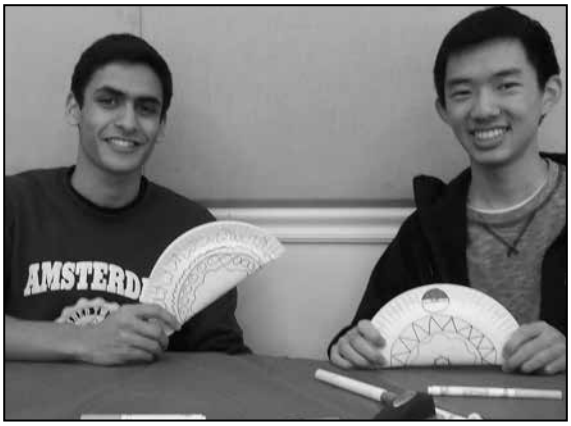
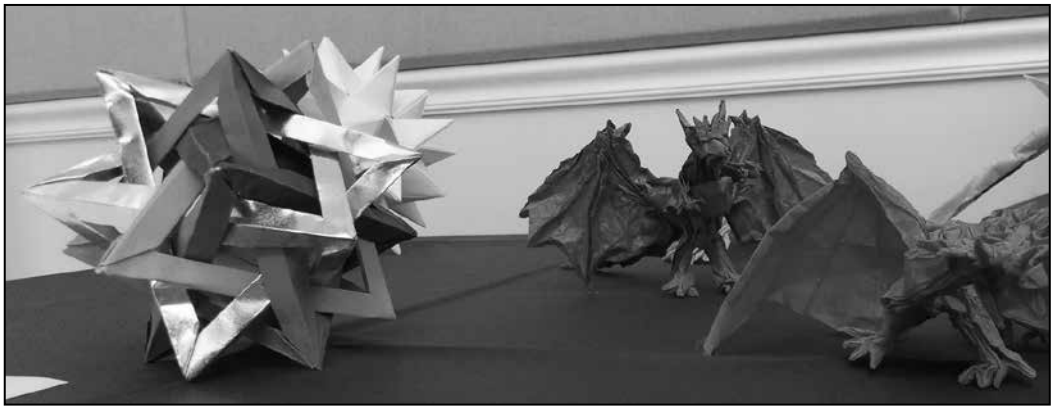
Columbia Cleans

Despite the snow on the 2nd day of spring, Columbia Cleans Day was a success in River Hill. A hardy group of volunteers, lead by members of River Hill's Watershed Committee, found enough trash to fill the back of a pick-up truck!

MultiCultural Festival

On a snowy Saturday morning in February, River Hill's Teen Advisory Committee held a multicultural craft festival that was fun for all ages. Attendees sampled a variety of snacks, made crafts representing countries from around the world, and were treated to a wonderful performance of Korean dance.





Spring Classes in River Hill:

Adult Ballroom Dance Class (Claret Hall)

M ongoing 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Contact sam@studiodans.com to register.

Flow Yoga: All Levels (Claret Hall)

Tu 2/2 - 3/24 10:40 - 11:40 a.m.
Email KerriCooke26@gmail.com to register.

Music Together with Miri (Claret Hall)

Th ongoing 10 – 10:45 a.m. Ages 0 – 5
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The Nurtured Life Yoga (Meeting Room)

Sat ongoing 7 – 8 a.m.
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QiGong (Claret Hall)

Tu ongoing 7 – 8 p.m.
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Kindergarten/New Student Registration Continues

Register your kindergartener or new student at Pointers Run Elementary School every school day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please see the school website (http://pres.hcpss.org/) for a list of documents required to get your child registered. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 410-313-7142.

6th Annual PRES Fun Run

The PRES Pointers (Run) committee would like to invite you to the Sixth Annual Pointers "Run" fun run/walk. The approximately 3.1 mile run and 1.5 mile run will begin and end at Pointers Run Elementary and will travel throughout the community (high school athletes will be running with the younger kids for the shorter distance). The purpose of this event is to promote healthfulness and wellness within our school community and to raise money for the PRES Student Activities Fund.

Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Clarksville/TheAnnualPointersRun.

School News

HC Drug Free Program Presentation

Since the March 3 "Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City" program was cancelled due to weather, it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at River Hill High School. The program will also be held on Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Hebron High School.

Graduation Commencement Schedule Announced

The Howard County Public School System announces the commencement ceremony schedule for the 2014-15 school year.

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School News

Atholton HS's ceremony is on Tuesday, May 26 at 12 p.m. and River Hill High School's ceremony is on Friday, May 29 at 8 a.m. Both ceremonies will be held at Merriweather Post Pavilion.

Spring Fling Carnival at Clarksville Elementary School

Clarksville Elementary School continues its 50th anniversary celebration with its annual Spring Fling carnival. This fun event is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 12-4 p.m. and will include tons of exciting rides, fun games, great food, facepainting, entertainment, a Silent Auction, and lots of surprises! Come for an hour or buy an "All You Can Ride" bracelet and stay the entire afternoon! Details at www.cespta.net.

Clarksville Elementary School 50th Anniversary Celebration

A one-mile Fun Run/Walk will be held at Clarksville Elementary School on Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. (sign-in at 12:30 p.m.). Sing Happy Birthday to CES at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a DJ and other wellness activities through 4 p.m.

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Architectural News

RAC APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Deadline (Friday)	Meeting Date
March 27, 2015	April 15, 2015
April 10, 2015	May 10, 2015
April 24, 2015	May 20, 2015
May 8, 2015	June 3, 2015
May 22, 2015	June 17, 2015

FAST TRACK SCHEDULE

Application Deadline	Fridays by 12 Noon

The Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) review and recommendation meetings are generally held at 7:30 p.m. at Claret Hall. The sign-in attendance sheet is available at 7 p.m. Applications are reviewed in the order that applicants sign-in. Applicants should bring to the meeting any supplemental documentation, application amendments, or additional information that the RAC has requested.

Architectural Guidelines and application forms for exterior alterations and in-home businesses can be obtained at Claret Hall or online at www.villageofriverhill.org. RAC meeting agendas are posted at the Village office and on the website. Agendas are published in *The Villager* when the publication schedule permits. Residents are encouraged to attend the RAC review meeting. The Architectural Committee (AC) decision may differ from the RAC recommendation. Therefore, residents must not begin their project until they receive notice of the final decision. Please allow 5 to 6 weeks for the entire application process.

Upcoming Meeting

April 1, 2015

6505 Radiant Gleam Way	Walkway
5808 White Pebble Path	Tree Removals
7008 Bright Memory Drive	Fence, Tree: Additions

Application Decisions

March 4, 2015

Approved

6617 Towering Oak Path	Landscaping, Porch: Front, Walkway
6401 Reedy Song Knoll	Porch: Screened

Tabled

6541 Autumn Wind Circle	Addition, Deck, Porch: Front, Window Addition

Disapproved

6509 Folded Leaf Square	Deck: Stain

February 18, 2015

Approved

6521 Ocean Shore Lane	Deck

Approved with Condition

7008 Bright Memory Drive	Tree Removal

Fast Track Applications

Approved

12107 Linden Linthicum Lane	Solar Panels
6400 South Wind Circle	Color Change: Front Door, Shutters, Trim
6063 Red Clover Lane	Color Change: Deck, Deck: Material Change
6505 Apple Blossom Ride	Tree Removal
6562 Autumn Wind Circle	Color Change: Roof

Approved with Condition

6553 River Run	Doors: Garage

Architectural News

Minimizing Bright Outdoor Lighting

While many people are aware of air and water pollution as serious forms of environmental degradation, few recognize light pollution — the artificial illumination of our night sky — as a significant problem in our country's urban and suburban areas. Bright floodlights and poorly designed outdoor light fixtures are the primary cause of our diminished ability to view stars and planets in urbanized areas. Poorly designed light fixtures do more than just blot out our view of the starry sky. They disrupt our natural body rhythms, cause accidents on roadways, and waste billions of dollars in energy costs. Bright, artificial lights also confuse nocturnal wildlife like owls, migrating birds, and insect eaters such as toads and bats that rely on a dark night sky.

Outdoor illumination should be aimed downward where the light is needed, not upward or sideways. Light that shines horizontally (or even worse, upward) does not address most lighting needs. It merely dissipates into the distance — a waste of energy and money, and a nuisance to neighbors. The International Dark-Sky Association estimates that one-third of all lighting in the United States is wasted, at an annual cost of about two billion dollars.

We know light pollution intrudes on a person's right to privacy. It also can be considered an abuse of rights when artificial illumination is projected or spilled onto someone else's property. Light pollution also can negatively impact a human's ability to get a good sound night's sleep when artificial illumination coming from poorly designed light fixtures shines glare into windows at night.

Be courteous to your neighbors and wildlife: shield your outdoor lights and do not leave them on all night. Full-cutoff shielding in light fixtures is a simple remedy for both glare and sky glow, the ambient haze in the night sky created from light pollution. Full-cutoff means that no light rays from the fixture shine above the horizontal plane, and that at least 90 percent of the light is blocked from up to 20 degrees below the horizontal plane. By retrofitting with full-cutoff fixtures, you will greatly enhance your ability to observe constellations, meteor showers, and other celestial wonders right from your backyard.

Add motion sensors and timers to your outdoor lighting, so you can direct lighting to where you need it for safety and convenience, without unduly disturbing nature's creatures or your neighbors.

The Village requires submission of an Exterior Alteration Application for exterior lighting changes and or additions. Please see Guideline No.30 at http://www.villageofriverhill.org/covenant-info/ -Find A Guideline.

Sources: *The Good Neighbor Handbook: Potomac Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy, 2005. Task Force to Study Lighting Efficiency and Light Pollution in Maryland, March 2002.*

Responsible Pet Owners

One common complaint that the Covenant Advisor hears is "I am constantly cleaning up dog mess from my lawn and I don't even have a dog." Howard County Code requires that pet dogs and cats be leashed. Pet owners should be using a "pooper scooper" when their pets defecate. If you see pets that are apparently not being properly managed, call Animal Control at 410-313-2780.

Dog waste contains bacteria and some common parasites, as well as nitrogen and phosphorous which can degrade water quality. Pet owners must continue to be responsible for cleaning up after their animals, whether in a public place or in their own backyard. Dog feces can pose a serious health hazard. When dog feces are left on the soil, parasites laiy eggs in the soil, which can linger in the ground for years. Our children are at greatest risk when they play in these areas where dog feces have been left, then inadvertently put their unwashed hands to their mouths or rub their nose or eyes. There are several diseases, which affect children. Symptoms can range from abdominal pain, fever, headache and nausea to severe diarrhea.

Pet waste draws flies and creates a food source for rodents. So please clean up after your pet, and dispose of the waste properly in a trash receptacle. Let's continue to provide a healthy and safe environment for our children, our neighbors and ourselves.

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AROUND TOWN

Kids Nearly New Spring Sale

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Sunday Bazaar

Sunday, April 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Howard County Fairgrounds, Main Exhibition Hall (indoors) Crafts Antiques Flea Market. Something for everyone. Free admission, plenty of free parking, food available. From the promoter of the "Kids Nearly New Sales." Interested in being a vendor? Visit websitewww.hcsbazaar.com. Questions email hcbsbazaar@aol.com.

Native Plant Sale

A native plant sale will held as a part of the Howard County MD GreenFest, on April 18, 2015, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The plant sale will be located on the Quad at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD. The sale is co-sponsored by the Howard County Master Gardeners. For further information and directions to GreenFest: www.howardcountymd.gov/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=4294967857.

Bikes for the World Bicycle Collection

Sunday, April 12, 12 – 3 p.m. Linden Linthicum UMC is proud to host its annual Bikes for the World bicycle collection. If you have a functional bicycle that you've outgrown or just don't ride anymore, please consider donating it. All donated bikes are shipped to a developing country to help with transportation to school, a job, to water or other vital need. The only criteria is that the bike must be in working order. The tires can be flat. Drop off your bike (and a small donation to help defray shipping costs) to Linden Linthicum UMC 12101 Linden Linthicum Lane, Clarksville.

College Hosts Marine Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m. at the Horowitz Center, Howard Community College, Columbia. Military Concert: The U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra. Free; ticket required. Call 443-518-3005 or visit www.howardcc.edu/concerts for more information.

Jazz in the Mills Concert

Sunday, April 12, 5 – 7:30 p.m. The Oakland Mills Community Association presents The Jazz in the Mills Concert Series featuring Bonnie Harris. Tickets can be purchased at The Other Barn: $15 (Advance) $20 at the door. Online: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1316398.

Searching For Spring Egg Hunt

Columbia Sports Park, Harper's Choice Village Center, 5453 Harper's Farm Road

Saturday, April 11, 2015 | 10:00 to 11:30 am

(No admittance permitted after 10:45 am)

10:00 am Crafts and Balloons

10:45 am Egg Hunt (While supplies last. Bring your own basket.)

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Antiques Appraisal Fair

Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Antiques Appraisal Fair at Howard County Miller Branch Library 9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City. Bring your treasures to be appraised by qualified professionals. $12 includes the appraisal. Sponsored by the Howard County Historical Society. Contact info@hchsmd.org or call 410-480-3250 for more information.

Steam Punk Formal

Saturday, April 25, 7 – 9 p.m. Howard County Historical Society will hold the Steam Punk Spring Formal with Eli August and The Abandoned Buildings. HCHS Museum 8328 Court Avenue, Ellicott City. Tickets $20. Contact info@hchsmd.org or call 410-480-3250 for more information. Call ahead to check ticket availability as this event does sell out.

Columbia Art Center Juried Exhibit

April 16 – May 3 at the Columbia Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth in the Long Reach Village Center. "Portraits and Profiles: Inspirations In My Life" is a juried theme exhibition featuring more than 50 artists. Some of the art being featured this year is in tribute to people who have dealt with various life and health challenges in a heroic manner, while other featured works celebrate people who served as positive role models. A gala reception and awards ceremony will be held on Friday, April 17, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Learn more about Blossoms of Hope and the Cherrybration 2015 schedule of events at www.BlossomsOfHope.org,

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Yard Sale

Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Linden Linthicum United Methodist Church, 12101 Linden Linthicum Lane, Clarksville. Sponsored by American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Howard County. Anyone can reserve a space, and the proceeds from the space fees will benefit the American Cancer Society. $25 per space (no tables provided). Most items not sold will be picked up by Green Drop Charitable Donations and donated to Purple Heart. Email HoCoRFL@gmail.org to reserve a space or for more information.

Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show

Friday, April 17 2015, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, April 18th 2015, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, April 19 2015, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Free parking. Free Admission. www.mdhomeshows-hf.com Call us toll-free 888-560-EXPO (3976).

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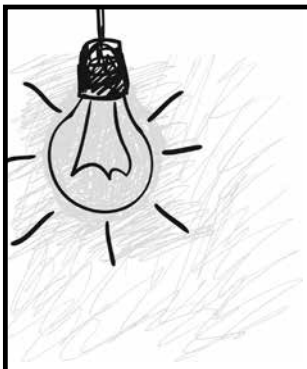

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River Hill Current Market Update

Status	Address	List Price	Close Price	Close Date
Active	5900 Whale Boat Drive #201	$315,000		
Active	5900 Whale Boat Drive #206	$324,900		
Active	5910 Great Star Drive #401	$345,000		
Active	5910 Great Star Drive #106	$359,000		
Active	6007 Helmsman Way	$495,000		
Active	5902 Perfect Calm Court	$499,000		
Active	6510 Barley Corn Row	$648,800		
Active	6445 River Run	$718,800		
Active	6433 Empty Song Road	$720,000		
Active	6409 Reedy Song Knoll	$769,900		
Active	7009 Bright Memory Drive	$769,900		
Active	6511 River Run	$769,900		
Active	6313 Golden Star Place	$815,000		
Active	5809 Wild Orange Gate	$825,000		
Cntg/Ko	6524 Radiant Gleam Way	$550,000		
Contract	5920 Great Star Dr #204	$335,000		April 15, 2015
Contract	6036 Helmsman Way	$479,000		March 20, 2015
Contract	6504 Evening Shadows Court	$620,000		April 15, 2015
Contract	6063 Red Clover Lane	$800,000		April 9, 2015
Contract	5896 Indian Summer Drive	$800,000		April 14, 2015
Contract	6113 Rippling Water Walk	$950,000		March 24, 2015
Contract	6113 Every Sail Path	$950,000		April 24, 2015
Sold	5927 Gentle Call	$467,500	$470,000	March 16, 2015
Sold	6509 Folded Leaf Square	$774,900	$750,000	February 26, 2015

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