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
- **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.

MAYOR’S SPRING CLEAN UP
Saturday April 26th

It is time to Spring forward Baltimore and join Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in the Annual Mayor’s Spring Clean-Up. Communities interested in participating should register by April 21st by calling 311.

HUD Certified Homeownership Counseling Agencies Belair-Edison Neighborhoods 3412 Belair Rd. Baltimore, MD 21213 Phone: 410-485-8422

Visit us on the web: www.LiveInChum.org

The Porch Light

"Transforming Environments & Minds" TEAM CHM

WE ALL DESERVE TO DAY DREAM

Today Mrs. Terry took a stroll down memory lane. At 67 years old Mrs. Terry has endured that which would break many of us. For close to 30 years Mrs. Terry suffered the harsh reality of a system indifferent and unresponsive to her plight. Her dream of homeownership was dashed by indolent slumlords and insensitive bureaucrats; that anyone would listen seemed a distant hope. Year in and year out careers politicians promising to help but never delivering, treating as an afterthought needed better. I first met Mrs. Terry when I was looking into the basement of a long sore. I stopped my car and walked right? Not knowing what to make answer to expect. Mrs. Terry checking on my water pump, “yes each time it rains my base- ball the water out.” I was bemused by her matter of fact attitude. I asked Mrs. Terry how long had this been going on and she said “oh for a while, its been so long I can’t remember.” I asked had she sought help and she replied that she had started seeking help for this problem during the Schmoke administration. The Schmoke administra- tor I finally realized I had not formerly introduced myself to Mrs. Terry. I told her I was the Executive Director of the community corporation and we were pushing to have the building demolished. She just smiled at me and said “young man I have heard that before.” I replied “I am sure but not from me. I promise you I will have the building demolished.” Mrs. Terry just said “I live to see it.” I told her “you will, out on a journey to make my word relief to Mrs. Terry.

While I am still uncertain as to what exactly to expect. Mrs. Terry shared with her the long suffering of such strength and resolve de- livered with obvious con- cern to me “I promise you if I win this election I will have that building demolished.”

And she did and for that she always will have my respect. As the bulldozers rolled on that which had been the bane of her existence, Mrs. Terry and I would often sit outside and watch. It was during those times Mrs. Terry would regale me with stories from her childhood. I asked Mrs. Terry “if you could have whatever you want on this earth what would it be?” Mrs. Terry looked at me and said “a tree grove.” “A tree grove” I replied. “Yes” she said. She that as a child growing up in the south, she would often accompany her mother to work and as they entered the grounds to the home where her mother served they would pass through the most beautiful grove of Magnolia trees she had ever seen. “It was like a tunnel” she said, it was her favorite place to daydream. While not Magnolia trees (they are Red Buds) today Mrs. Terry can take a small stroll down memory lane and spend some time daydreaming. She more than deserves it. ~Mark Washington

~Inside~

DAY DREAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOB ALERT

MARCH / APRIL 2014

Calendar of Events

April 11th
Senior Meeting @ 10am

April 12th
LIVE Baltimore Event 9-1p

April 12th
The Horseshoe Casino Job Fair 10-1p

April 14th
Congressman Elijah Cummings’ Job Fair 9-2p

April 14th
NE Crime Stoppers Game @ Patterson Park

April 19th
Coffee with a COP @ 9am

S A V E T H E D A T E
Saturday, May 14th, 2014 @ 10am
“Taste of Montebello Tour”

A LOOK AHEAD
May 8th, 2014
CHM Community Meeting @ 7p

E A R N E D B R I N K E N S P R I N G

Baltimore City Department of Transportation

Community Health Corporation and partners

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 14th, 2014 @ 10am
“Taste of Montebello Tour”

LEGEND

Foundation

A Far Notice

A Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice

A Final Notice
What continues to be the struggle reveals the fear of those who have benefited much from the exploitation of others. That there are those of privilege who fail to recognize how they benefited from that exploitation prolongs the struggle. How we overcome this fear, this tribal mentality, this willful ignorant bliss will determine our fate. While today we heralded a milestone the struggle still continues. The battle to pit us against one another, subjugate the sexes and stoke the flames of fear has mighty generals.

The oppression of man is what we as man do best. The respect of man is something I hope we will do better. For while we are a country that has often sown the roots of hate, carried the torch of prejudice and concealed a shameful hypocrisy, there are a mighty few who have managed to march us towards that which is moral, just and right.

We stand here today on broad shoulders. It was Black’s by popular demand that built a coalition of the willing. That that coalition need not ever be necessary again is in fact the dream.

Today I celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. Let us never forget the struggle continues! —Mark Washington

‘Speak Life Tour,’ inspires hope, creativity

ARTICLE EXCERPT FROM BALTIMORE TIMES -Cassandra Vincent - BALTIMORE — If you happen to bump into a group of vibrant young people who are speaking positive words with conviction, it is possible that you are encountering the “Speak Life Tour.” The group is the product of New Beginnings Youth Development & Coaching Program, a Baltimore based nonprofit organization. The goal of the movement is to give young people a platform to showcase their talents while making a difference in the lives of others. New Beginnings Youth Development & Coaching Program was founded in 2002 and the “Speak Life Tour” was initiated in November 2013. On Thursday, January 9, 2014, New Beginnings held its pre-launch event for the “Speak Life Tour” at Terra Café located in Charles Village in North Baltimore. The event drew a crowd of supporters, family and friends. The evening included spoken word, song, poetry, and hip hop that sent a strong message of positivity, education, nonviolence, and self-acceptance. The “Speak Life Tour” group members include Shernise “Poet Renae” Richardson, Audrey & Leah of Double Impact, Danny “Danny Virgo” Jones, Myea Elleby, Calvin “Eager” Fields, and Keon “Lil Key” Myers. Their message is motivating and inspiring to not only other young people but to their community. Each artist shared a message of hope for their generation, their city, and the world around them. The group ranges in age from 13 to 24. Catherine Trotter, executive director of New Beginnings said, “The night was epic and is an indicator of how powerful the ‘Speak Life Tour’ is. Each artist performed with heart and spoke words of life. Our goal is to touch 272, 000 youth and to speak life into the lives of our youth during this tour.” The tour kicks off in Washington, D.C. on March 29, said Trotter, who also serves as a mentor for the program. For more information about the group or to attend one of their upcoming “Speak Life Tour” events, contact Catherine Trotter at 800-425-0757 or visit: www.speaklifetour.org.