Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation

**The Porch Light**

Tivoly Project Demolition Continues
The next phase of demolition on the long awaited Tivoly Project resumed Monday. In this phase of demolition 16 units will be cleared. CHM, the progress continues.

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**CHMCC Calendar of Events**

Thursday, February 12 @ 7 pm
CHMCC Community Meeting

Saturday, February 14 @ 9 am
The Chief of Baltimore City’s Bureau of Budget and Management Research invites you to join him for his department’s Love Your City.

Enoch Pratt Free Library – 1531 West North Avenue; free parking is available next door in the Health Department lot. The venue is also located on the MTA Routes 7, 13, 21, 54 and 91, as well as the Metro at the Penn/North Station stop. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, February 14 @ 11 am
Valentine’s Day Skate
Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena

Wednesday, February 18 @ 7 pm
Northeast District Community Relations Council meeting.
Northeast District, 11900 Argoone Drive. Guest speaker for will be The Family Crime Unit. Sgt. Lisa Robinson will talk about domestic violence and who to call for help.

Saturday, February 28 @ 1 pm
"Rooms Full of Love" - Clifton Mansion’s Love and Renovation Tour
2701 Saint Lo Drive, Baltimore. $5 at door. RSVP appreciated at cliftonmansion@civicworks.com

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And that's ok. We all have a lot of stuff to do. I can’t say I haven’t heard it before. Residents often seek our assistance most vociferously when plagued by a crisis. When all is corrected they revert back to living their life. They become the unintended quotient of the long division that is a house divided.

There are some, the “nein” percent I like to call them, that confuse being a squeaky wheel for actual support and assistance. These individuals, very seldom satisfied with anything in their community, have the uncanny ability to find fault in everything. Always looking for that “gotcha” moment, their way of helping is often more divisive than unifying. I often like to say if we were to pave the streets of CHM with gold they would argue “there we go devaluing it.” Only too willing to make others look inept, these residents are pacified favorites of the divisors.

Following them are the misguided residents of the “hate” percent. They love to live and flourish in chaos. The fourth generation of ignorance begat by ignorance taught by ignorance, they have the uncanny ability to hate themselves and their community all the while claiming to be keeping it 100. They are the greatest tools of the divisors.

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**CHM Offices**

Burglarized
Sometime between Saturday, February 7, 2015 and Sunday, February 8, 2015 the CHMCC Community Offices were burglarized.

It appears the point of entry was through the parking lot band room doors and they exited via the doors on the basketball court.

We ask that anyone with information please contact Officer Thompkins at 410.396.9588.

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Inside ~

**A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand**

"A House Divided"

The Tivoly Demolition Resumes

CHMCC Office Burglarized – In The Fold

HOT JOBS - Financial Literacy

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Then there are the true believers; the “for” percent. These small handfuls of residents not only serve when called upon but take it upon themselves to be the agents for change. They are for transformation. These individuals seemingly never tire but will often divide themselves into too many pieces trying to solve the litany problems that the divisors helped to create. While the divisors know they could be the answer, they see them as no real threat.

And that leaves us with the vast majority; the “seventy blind” percent. These individuals know something is happening, they just won’t see it. The daily grind keeps them blind to what’s going on outside their front door. The blindness that is apathy is their therapy for coping. And that is where most of us live, in comfortable blindness of apathy. Just as the divisors calculated.

So what are divisors? American Heritage Dictionary defines divisor as “A number used to divide another” I guess the better question is who are the divisors?

With 2016 looming the divisors will reemerge. Armed with mathematical precision these mathmagician politicians will cloak their divide and conquer strategy and once again convince us their use of long division has always been the best answer for us. They will astound us with how successful they have been acting on our behalf. And because math is hard we will accept that answer.

They may be successful in their own personal enrichment but not in acting on our behalf or in enriching the lives of those in our community. And sadly, while math is an exact science, we will choose to ignore the fact that their local leadership has presided over decades of community decay. So it is against that backdrop that we the residents of CHM must come together and embrace our divisions to solve our mathematical dilemma and arrive at a new quotient.

For as the word quotient is defined in its Latin origins (quotiens “how many times”). How many times will we make the same mathematical miscalculation and allow the divisors new math to continue to shake us to our common core.?

Can you chant “forty more years”?

Your Money, Your Goals Financial Literacy Program

Join us at your local Community Action Center to learn about financial literacy and planning.

- Household Budgeting
- Credit and Debit Cards
- How to Save Money and Develop a Savings Plan
- Prioritizing Your Bills
- Debt Relief
- How to Read Your Credit Report

Community Action Centers
Northern 5225 York Rd - Northwest 3939 Reisterstown Rd
Southeast 3411 Bank St - Eastern 1400 E. Federal Street
Southern 606 Cherry Hill Rd
Classes Held at All Centers Every Thursday, February 12 - April 2, 2015 5:30 - 7:30 PM

February 06, 2015 thru February 20, 2015

For a more detailed description of each job listed and for additional job listings, visit the Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE) at: https://mwejobs.maryland.gov

To obtain more information about the jobs below, go to the MWE website and reference the number next to the position. If you do not have access to a computer or email, stop by a One Stop Career Center. A list of our Career Center locations is on the last page. All applicants must be enrolled in the MWE.

- Concrete Finishers 334103
  Experience concrete finishers preferred. Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints.
  **To apply:** E-mail a resume and a cover letter to lasaunders@oedworks.com

- Concrete Asphalt Laborer 334110
  Experience concrete and asphalt worker specifically doing roadwork. Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints.
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- 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 publication.
  **To apply:** E-mail a resume to lasaunders@oedworks.com or fax your resume to Construction Jobs at 410-361-9648.

- 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 dbolland@oedworks.com