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Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont Community News

Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation (443)984-3766 or (410)951-3622

Special Interest Articles:

- Atlantic City Bus Trip
- Mayor's Spring Clean Up
- Lead Workshop – Free blood lead testing
- Financial Counseling
- Homebuyer Education Classes
- COPPIN DAY!
- Lead Safe Work Practices – FREE gift valued at $60
- Community Walk Group Every Saturday
- FREE Self-Help Financial Assistance Computer Station
- Advertise Opportunity

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!

Flowers are beginning to bloom, trees are beginning to leaf. Despite everything, despite the extremes of winter, spring arrives.

Let us take a lesson from nature. Despite all the deterioration that has taken place in our community, we can rebuild. We can have a rebirth.

I ask you this month to sit quietly with the rebirth that is happening all around you. Feel that rebirth in your own heart. Open your mind to the possibilities.

As you see Coppin State University expanding and the development taking place at Mondawmin Mall, consider these activities the beginning of "Spring" for our community.

Yes, it may be painful at times, but what birth isn't? When I was giving birth to my daughter, I experienced pain like nothing I had ever imagined. But the moment she was born, I forgot all about the pain and I had a beautiful baby girl.

We have to be open to the pains that will come with the rebirth of our community. I promise you, they will be well worth it!

Michelle McEachern,
Executive Director

Healthy Neighborhoods

Missed a Mortgage Payment? Falling Behind? We May Be Able to Help

Families are losing their homes at record numbers. We are working aggressively to protect families in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community from losing their homes to foreclosure. In many cases, foreclosure can be prevented. If you are having trouble paying your mortgage, we may be able to help get you into a more manageable, fixed-rate loan. Call Dominique Clark at 443-984-3766 between 9am and 12pm to schedule a confidential appointment.

MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY

Saturday, June14, 2008

2PM – 4PM

Easterwood Park

Details will be included in the May & June issues of our newsletter

Senior Corner

Atlantic City Bus Trips

Showboat, Trump, and Harris Casinos

First Trip: May 17, 2008

Pick up at Easterwood Park Recreation Center
1530 N. Bentalou St

Departure: 8 a.m. Return: 8 p.m.

$40 with a $20 coin return and a $5 food voucher

Continental breakfast prior to departure, along with drinks, snacks, and games on the bus! Seating is limited. Call (443)984-3766 for information. Proceeds will support community improvement activities.

First Come - First Served

**Casino bonus subject to change without notice. Bonus packages only available to person 21 years of age or older. **

Young adults must have ID.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Evelyn Glenn – 2700 Block of Presbury Street
Rita Neale – 2800 Block of Baker Street

Call 443-984-3766 or email chcdc@coppin.edu to request a membership application.

CHCDC Residential Membership is only $5 per year. All Residential members receive priority notice and invitations to limited seating free seminars & workshops, and discounts at CHCDC sponsored events!

CHCDC Commercial (Business) Membership is only $20 per year. All Commercial members receive 10% advertising discount in our newsletter which is distributed by regular mail, E-mail, and is posted on the CHCDC website, and receive priority notice and invitations to limited seating free seminars & workshops, and discounts at CHCDC sponsored events!

2nd Annual Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community Housing Fair

June 7, 2008
10am – 2pm

Coppin State University
Dining & Meeting Hall

Vendor and Sponsorship Opportunities
Call Ms. Clark at 443-984-3766

MAYOR SHEILA DIXON'S SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 19, 2008

9am

Easterwood Park Recreation Center
1530 N. Bentalou Street

We are planning to have a ROLL-OFF at the recreation center.

Continental breakfast and t-shirt provided (while supplies last)

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

Call Ms. Clark at 443-984-3766 for info.

FIRES ON THOMAS AVENUE

Vacant houses on Thomas Avenue are being set on fire. Many of these houses are next door to occupied homes. If you see any suspicious activity, please call 3-1-1. Giving your name is optional.

CONFIDENTIAL
ONE-ON-ONE FINANCIAL COUNSELING

Having trouble "making ends meet"? Call for a confidential one-on-one counseling session through our RoadMap to Financial Freedom Program and learn how to make your money stretch. Call Ms. Igyor at 443-984-3766

STOPPIN' LEAD IN COPPIN
FREE WORKSHOP
"Lead Poisoning Robs Children of Their Potential"

"The persistence toxity of lead was seen to result in significant and serious impairment of academic success ... failure to graduate from high school, impairment of reading skills, and deficits in vocabulary, fine motor skills, reaction time and hand-eye coordination."

New England Journal of Medicine

The affects of lead are irreversible.
Houses built before 1978 will likely contain lead paint.

A blood lead test is the only way to know if your child has been exposed to lead hazards. The Baltimore City Health Department will be on site for **FREE** blood lead testing of children under age 6 and pregnant women.

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2008
Time: 6pm
Location:
Calverton Elementary/Middle School's Community Room, 1100 Whitmore Avenue

Lite meal provided.

Each participant will receive a $10 Shoppers Food & Pharmacy gift card.

To register, call Jordan at
443-984-3766 or 443-463-6135

FREE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Our **FREE** RoadMap to Financial Freedom Program financial management workshops are now being offered at our community Enoch Pratt libraries from 6-7:30PM!

Wednesdays at Forest Park Branch
3023 Garrison Boulevard
Public Transportation:
91 line - Garrison Boulevard, 15, M1 Shuttle

Thursdays at Walbrook Branch
3203 W. North Avenue
Public Transportation:
13, 15, 91, lines and Mondawmin

WORKSHOP TOPICS
- **Budget Rights**
- **Savings**
- **Loan Control**
- **Credit Reports Made Easy**
- **Managing Your Credit**
- **Bankruptcy**
- **Forbearance** (*temporary* postponement *of loan payments granted by a creditor)*

Call Mwuese Igyor at 443-984-3766 to register

UnitedHealthcare
A UnitedHealth Group Company

HEALTH COVERAGE RESOURCE SITE

CHCDC has partnered with UnitedHealthcare (UHC) to make accessing UHC services easier for its members and the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community! Starting **Thursday, April 24th at 3pm**, UHC members can receive one-on-one and group education on their benefits, assistance with locating providers, and assistance with redetermination of benefits. Assistance with obtaining health coverage will also be available in the Community Room at Calverton Middle School, 1100 Whitmore Avenue.

FREE HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASSES
Participants receive housing counseling certificate necessary for government grants

Our partner, **Garwyn Oaks Housing Resource Center**, located 2300 Garrison Boulevard, Suite 270, provides housing counseling and homebuyer education classes for homebuyers. To schedule a confidential one-on-one counseling session or to register for a homebuyer education class, call 410 947-0084.

HELP WANTED

Homeownership Coordinator
Garwyn Oaks/Northwest Housing *Resource Center, Inc.*

Be a part of the expanding Garwyn Oaks/ Northwest Housing Resource Center Inc. (GONorthwest, Inc.)! Seeking an energetic, committed person to conduct/facilitate pre- and post purchase homeownership/marketing outreach activities. Experience in homeownership counseling, mortgage lending, real estate work, and/or community development required. Some evening/weekend work. Position is part-time but with goal to become fulltime. If interested, send your resume and cover letter to mg.garwynoaks@verizon.net or mail to: Mereida Goodman, 2300 Garrison Blvd, Suite 211, Baltimore, MD, 21216

MARK YOU CALENDAR

COPPIN DAY

Saturday, July 19, 2008
NOON-6PM

Coppin Day, which may become an annual event, is a community fun and resource day held at Easterwood Park and Recreation Center. The event will include entertainment, resource tables, vendors, health screenings, children's activities (moon bounce, games), food, and much more. Residents, businesses and community organizations, and nonprofits reserve your table as soon as possible.

Space & 8-foot Table Fees:
Residents - $20 For Profits - $50
Nonprofits/Community Groups - $25

Call Jordan at 443-984-3766 to reserve a table.

FREE LEADSAFE WORK PRACTICES TRAINING FREE GIFT VALUED AT $60

In conjunction with the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, the Stoppin Lead in Coppin program is offering a one day Lead-Based Paint Training Program. It is designed to be very informative for the general homeowner handyman as well as general rehabilitation workers such as drywallers, painters, and carpenters.

This course is directed towards people who are not necessary "lead experts" but do renovation or repair work in older homes (built before 1978).

There is no cost to attendees for this training program and course materials will be supplied.

All attendees will receive a special gift valued at $60.

Space is limited. Register today by calling Jordan at 443-984-3766 or 443-463-6135 or sending an email to chcdc@coppin.edu

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008
Time: 10AM – 2PM
Location: Coppin State University
Dining & Meeting Hall, Room 210
2500 W. North Avenue

Special Thanks

Partners and Supporters
in the Rebuilding of
Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont

The Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation staff and Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and thank our partners in rebuilding and revitalizing our community.

Baltimore Community Foundation

Baltimore Office of Promotion and The Arts

Baltimore Rising, Inc.

Calverton Elementary/Middle School

City of Baltimore
Baltimore Housing
Department of Social Services
Office of Employment Development

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning

Coventry Health Care
Coppin State University

Coppin State University Development Foundation

The Garwyn Oaks Housing Resource Center

Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council

Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc

Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore, Inc

STRIVE Baltimore

United Health Care (UHC)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Young Fathers, Responsible Fathers

JOIN THE GREATER COPPIN HEIGHTS/ROSEMONT WALK GROUP!!

Every Saturday morning, the **WALK GROUP** meets at Easterwood Park Recreation Center at 8am for stretching. We then walk to the Carver High School track for more walking!

Sign up by calling us 443-984-3766, sending an email to chcdc@coppin.edu, or just meet us there! Your health is important to us. It is critically important that you get approval from your medical provider before starting any exercise regiment.

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
"Sharing Power"

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 5:30pm
Calverton Middle School, 1100 Whitmore Avenue

Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore will conduct a FREE community leadership training designed for residents and community leaders!

Light Meal Provided Register by calling 443-984-3766

Community Meetings

Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations
3rd Tuesday - 6:30pm
901 Poplar Grove Street

Ash-Co-East/Coppin Heights Neighborhood Association
3rd Monday – 7:00pm
Easterwood Park Recreation Center

Evergreen Protective Association
3rd Monday – 6:30pm
Union Memorial Methodist Church, Harlem Avenue at Warwick

Mathew Henson Community Association
2nd Tuesday – 6pm
Omega House, 2003 Presbury Street

Northwest Community Action Coalition
4th Tuesday – 6pm
1501 Dukeland Street

Rosemont Improvement Association
2nd Tuesday – 6pm
Belmont Elementary School
1406 N Ellamont Street

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ADVERTISE HERE

We distribute over 350 copies of the newsletter each month by mail and potentially reach thousands by email, including the entire Coppin State University campus!

A simple form will enable you to submit your request to advertise in the Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont Community Newsletter! All ads are business card size (2 X 3.5). All printed versions are in Black and White.

Fees for advertising in our community newsletter are listed below. Advertise often and save!!!

One Issue	$50.00
Three Issues	$135.00 ($45.00 per issue)
Six Issues	$210.00 ($35.00 per issue)
Twelve Issues	$300.00 ($25.00 per issue)

We only accept a limited number of advertisements. To be included in the next issue, your artwork and form, along with payment in full, must be received by the 15th of preceding month. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation and mail it along with the advertising form to CHCDC – Newsletter Advertising, 1100 Whitmore Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21216

COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Apply Online: www.coppin.edu/apply

Office of Admissions
2500 West North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216-3698

Administrative Departments

Academic Advisement	410-951-3555
Admissions	410-951-3600
Financial Aid	410-951-3636
Records/Registration	410-951-6399
Resident Life	410-951-6399
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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.coppin.edu/chcdc

Mark Your Calendar for CHCDC 2008 Events!!

June 7, 2008
10am to 2pm
2nd Annual CHCDC Housing Fair
Coppin State University
Dinning & Meeting Hall

August 16, 2008

10am to 2pm
1st Annual CHCDC Financial Literacy & Education Fair
Location: Coppin State University
Dining & Meeting Hall

September 20, 2008
11am to 2pm
"Agent of Positive Change"
Community Awards Luncheon
Coppin State University
Dining & Meeting Hall

CHCDC seeks volunteers to serve on its Events Planning Committee. To volunteer, call 443-984-3766

Join CHCDC!

Membership is about showing your support for the activities of CHCDC – continuing to make our community a great place to live. Many of us chose to live here because this community is special and it is up to us to take care of it. Your annual dues of only $5 (per person) makes a huge difference. Our goal is 200 members this year! Won't you join?!

Your dues help to cover operating costs, this newsletter, community events, Open Space maintenance, and more. You do not have to be a member to receive this newsletter or participate in our events, but your support would be greatly appreciated. Call 443-984-3766 to request a membership form.

About Our Organization…

CHCDC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1995 by the Coppin State University Development Foundation. The mission of CHCDC is to be a catalyst for suitable and affordable housing for low to moderate income residents and to stimulate economic development within neighborhoods immediately adjacent to CSU through the establishment of social, economic, educational and affordable housing development initiatives that collectively increase the stability and sustainability of our community.

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