

# Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont Community News



## Special Interest Articles:

- Free Financial Assistance
- Community Skating, Bowling, Bingo Event Rescheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We Welcome Our Newest Members!
- FREE, FREE, FREE (read inside!!)
- Homesaver Refinance Mortgage Program
- Seeking Youth for Mentor Program
- A Conversation with the Mayor – SAVE THE DATE
- Community Walk Group Starting
- FREE Self-Help Financial Assistance Computer Station
- Advertise Opportunity

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

## WE DO HAVE SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!!

As a community resident and community leader, I attend community meetings pretty regularly. I have been in meetings where residents passionately yelled and complained about the “problems” our community faces. It is no surprise to me or anyone else that our community has problems. If you take a look at the news, most communities do.

I have been asked a time or two, “When are you going to move?” I do not have any intentions of moving any time soon! And the reason is simple, I love my community! Sure, we have our problems, but who doesn’t? There once was a time when everyone wanted to move to the county because for some reason we thought that life was better. But if you have seen the news

lately, most of the problems we hear about in the city are taking place in the county. Sure, the county offers newer homes and maybe bigger yards (depending on where you live), but there are so many things in our community that make living in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community something to brag about!

Sometimes we can become so overwhelmed, and plain frustrated by the negative that we lose sight of the positive.

What’s positive in our community? Well, here are just a few of the things that I love to brag about:

- Minutes away from downtown and major roadways
- Active and committed residents
- Long-term Homeowners

- Large Homes
- Coppin State University
- CSU Community Health Center
- A Newly Remodeled Mall is on the way with new stores and restaurants
- A New Grocery Store
- Minutes from the MARC Train Station
- Vocational and College Preparatory High Schools
- Recreation and PAL Centers
- and much, much, more!

I challenge you to look around our community and find something to brag about. Then at the next community meeting or the next time you run into a neighbor on the street, instead of talking about what is negative in our community talk about something that is positive. You may be surprised to learn that your neighbor too has something to brag about!

Michelle McEachern,  
Executive Director



## \$1 for \$1 GRANT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Whether you currently own your home or are considering purchasing a home in the Coppin Heights Community, you may qualify for a \$10,000 grant to be used to make your home more comfortable for you!

Perhaps you always wanted to finish the basement, wanted new fencing, or a deck in your yard! Call Ms. Clark at 443-984-3766 to learn more about getting \$10,000 in free home improvements!

## FREE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ROADMAP TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

- WITH THE HOLIDAYS OVER, ARE YOU FACED WITH CREDIT CARD BILLS?
- ARE THE RISING COSTS MAKING IT HARD TO MAKE ENDS MEET?
- WANT TO START PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, call 443-984-3766 to schedule a confidential one-on-one meeting with a certified financial literacy counselor.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont Community Housing Fair

June 7, 2008  
10am – 2pm

Coppin State University  
Dining & Meetin g Hall

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEW DATE SKATING – BOWLING – LINE DANCING – BINGO BONANZA GREATER COPPIN HEIGHTS/ROSEMONT COMMUNITY & FAMILY FUN NIGHT *All proceeds benefit community revitalization and youth development activities*

Join us on Wednesday, **April 2, 2008** from 6pm to 9pm for a night of family and community fun and fellowship!

This special event, open to our entire community, will be held at the new and improved (you'll think you're at Jillian's) Shake and Bake Family Fun Center, featuring the brand new Strike Zone Glow Bowling Center, 1601 Pennsylvania Avenue.

There will be something for everyone!

Bingo can be played by anyone 12 and older for \$1 per card. Cash and other prizes!!!

Ticket prices include:

- skating or bowling
- a slice of pizza or hotdog
- a drink.

**Group Discounts!!!**

### Pricing:

Family Four Pass: \$32  
Senior (55+): \$7.50  
Individual (13+): \$10  
CSU Students: \$8.00  
Youth (12 and under): \$6.50

We encourage you to purchase your tickets early!

**Buy your tickets now!**  
Call 443-984-3766 to



## WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!!!

**Maria Stephens** - 1600 Block of Ruxton Avenue  
**Sheila Perkins** - 1600 Block of Ruxton Avenue  
**Jerelyn Sims** - Phillsi Real Estate Corp

Call 443-984-3766 or send an email to [chcdc@coppin.edu](mailto: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!

## STOPPIN' LEAD IN COPPIN FREE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP "Asthma and Healthy Homes"

### Is Your Home Causing Asthma Attacks?

Register now for this free workshop on how to make your home safer for family members living with Asthma?

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Time: 6pm

Location:

Calverton Elementary/Middle School  
Community Room, 1100 Whitmore Avenue

Lite meal provided. Each participant will receive a \$10 Shoppers Food & Pharmacy gift card. Register today!!!

Call 443-984-3766 or 443-463-6135

## Maryland's Homestead Tax Credit

If you own residential property in the State of Maryland as your principal residence, you're entitled to the Homestead Tax Credit. The credit saves you money because it limits the amount of your property tax assessment—lowering your property taxes. To be eligible, your home must be your principal residence and not a vacation or rental property, which wouldn't qualify for the credit.

In past years, it's likely that you've already received the credit. **Beginning this year, you'll now need to file a one-time application before April 1 to continue to receive the credit.** If you're a property owner *not* currently receiving the credit, you should also apply now in the event that you become eligible in the future.

**To apply:** Go to [www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us) to submit your application online directly to Maryland's Department of Assessments and Taxation, or fill out the application that was mailed to you with your January 2008 assessment notice.

## FREE A HEPA VACUUM WILL REDUCE THE LEAD AND OTHER HOMEBASED ALLERGENS IN YOUR HOME

Courtesy of the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we now have vacuums with HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filters which can remove 99.97% of airborne particles.

These vacuums are excellent for homes with small children, pregnant women, and people with Asthma.

To borrow a HEPA Vacuum, call 443-984-3766 or stop by our office Monday through Friday from noon to 5pm.

## FREE WINDOW REPLACEMENT

The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning's Operation LEAP Baltimore Program offers FREE window replacement. Residents are able to replace old wooden windows (a major source of lead exposure) with new, safer windows.

To learn, please call 443-984-3766

## HELP WANTED Full-Time Program Coordinator Salary: \$40K.

**Full-time Program Coordinator** sought to run the Stoppin' Lead in Coppin Program located at the Coppin Heights CDC.

**DUTIES:** coordinate program activities, supervise 6-8 college student educators/ canvassers, conduct lead education trainings in the community, and general office duties.

**REQUIRES:** supervisory experience; excellent oral and written communication skills; and proficiency with Microsoft Word and Access; community outreach and education experience preferred.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to Kory Lemmert at CECLP, 2714 Hudson St, Baltimore, MD 21224 or fax to 410-543-6475 or email to [klemmert@leadsafe.org](mailto:klemmert@leadsafe.org). **Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### DEDICATED & COMMITTED MENTORS SEEK YOUTH TO GUIDE AND SUPPORT

If you know of a young person living in the 21216 zip code area and between the ages of 5 and 17, (youth with an incarcerated parent preferred) that could use an adult mentor and friend, please call them call the **Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation's Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program**. Through mentoring it is our hope that positive youth development will occur. All youth need support, guidance and opportunities. With this support youth can develop self-confidence in four areas that are key to create a healthy, happy, successful life, and reduce the odds of being incarcerated themselves. These areas are competence, usefulness, belonging, and power

#### What will the young person receive?

- Monthly group activities – trip to the Ocean planned!
- Weekly phone contact with mentee
- At least one face-to-face contact per month with mentor

**MORE INFO, call Mr. Everett at 443-984-3766**

### HOME OWNERS PRESERVING EQITY (HOME)

#### Homesaver Refinance Mortgage Program

The Community Development Administration's (CDA) Homesaver Refinance Mortgage program provides a refinancing option to Marylanders who have sub-prime or exotic mortgages and are experiencing difficulties as a result of mortgage default, low credit scores, and/or a mortgage greater than the current value of their home.

Applicants need only a minimum credit score of 550 to qualify for fixed 30-year and 40-year amortizing loans as low as 6.25% interest rates.

If you are currently facing foreclosure and/or have Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM), call Ms. Dominique Clark at 443-984-3766 for immediate, confidential assistance.

### **Cristo Rey Jesuit High School - a private City Wide school offering college prep education for low income students**

Cristo Rey High School is a new, private school in Baltimore City that is providing high-quality college-preparatory education in a Catholic, coeducational environment! The school offers small class sizes, safe and disciplined setting, transportation (from Mondamin Mall) and work-study that provides students with real-world business experience working for its corporate partners (i.e., Mercy Medical, Legg Mason, M&T Bank). The school is targeting economically challenged children living in Baltimore City. The median family income for current students is \$28,000 per year. The tuition is \$2500 per year, but with financial aid students attend for as little as \$800 per year (payable over 10 months). Qualified applicant:

- Entering 9th grade in the Fall
- Lives in Baltimore City
- Will be 14 years old by September 1, 2008
- Has a sincere desire for college preparatory education
- Comes from an economically challenged family
- "Employable" - mature
- Good attendance history

For more info, call 410-727-3255 x1004 or go to [www.cristoreybalt.org](http://www.cristoreybalt.org). Tell them the Coppin Heights CDC referred you!



### **WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT? GET INTO SHAPE? High Blood Pressure? Diabetes? Arthritis?**

### **JOIN THE GREATER COPPIN HEIGHTS/ROSEMONT WALK GROUP!!**

Beginning Saturday, March 22, 2008, the **WALK GROUP** will meet at Easterwood Park Recreation Center at 8am for stretching and walking. This group is open to all residents of all ages!!! Registration is FREE!!! Sign up by calling us 443-984-3766 or sending an email at [chcdc@coppin.edu](mailto:chcdc@coppin.edu). Your health is important to us. It is critically important that you get approval from your medical provider before starting any exercise regimen.

## Community Meetings

**Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 6:30pm  
 901 Poplar Grove Street

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

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

**Mathew Henson Community Association**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 6pm  
 Omega House, 2003 Presbury Street

**Northwest Community Action Coalition**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 6pm  
 1501 Dukeland Street

**Rosemont Improvement Association**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 6pm  
 Belmont Elementary School  
 1406 N Ellamont St

## Navigation Station

### On the Road Map to Financial Freedom

A Self-Help computer station where you can find ...

- ✓ FREE credit report
- ✓ FDIC Money Smart Program
- ✓ Customized debt payment plan with Power Pay 4.0

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**For more information or to schedule an appointment (recommended but not required) call Ms. Igyor at 443-984-3766**

**The station is setup in the Coppin Heights CDC, 1100 Whitmore Avenue**

**Have a product or service you would like residents to purchase?**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Apply Online: [www.coppin.edu/apply](http://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
Student Accounts	410-951-3677

# Mark Your Calendar for CHCDC 2008 Events!!

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chcdc@coppin.edu

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.coppin.edu/chcdc](http://www.coppin.edu/chcdc)

### June 7, 2008

10am to 2pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHCDC Housing Fair  
Coppin State University  
Dinning & Meeting Hall

### August 16, 2008

10am to 2pm  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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