

# Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont Community News



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## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Special Interest Articles:

- YOUR VOTE COUNTS!  
Don't Miss the Primary Election – February 12
- Lead and Children in Coppin Heights
- New HEPA VACUUM Loan Program
- Test Your Knowledge of African American History
- BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!  
SKATING – BOWLING – LINE DANCING – PINCO BONANZA!



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## LET YOUR LIGHTS SHINE

The Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation is committed to making the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community a safer place to live, however, we need your help in making this happen. Here are some tips regarding protecting yourself and your home.

### Porch Lighting

Turn on your front porch light as well as your backyard light. You can have your porch light

connected to a photo cell which will automatically turn on your porch light when it becomes dark. Knowing that your porch light is on when you are not at home will add to your confidence that your home is secure.

Additionally porch lighting makes your home a less welcoming place for loitering, invasion, and other criminal activities.

### Motion Detection

### Lighting

Motion detection lighting is the single most effective way to increase the security of your home besides locking your doors. These lights use very little energy because they only come on at night when activated by motion within their range.

For more information about how to increase the safety of your home with lighting or for assistance with purchase and/or installation, call our office.

Michelle McEachern,  
Executive Director



## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS YOU!!!

We are still looking for residents who are will to become block ambassadors. Resident involvement is very important. Healthy Neighborhoods as well as the Community Development Cooperation are will to provide the

tools to beautify the community, but without **YOU** it is just ink on a piece of paper. Again, I strongly urge resident to come to our Steering Committee Meetings, which are held the last Monday of every month to Calverton Elementary

Middle School at 5:30pm. **"Change is going to come, but growth is optional"**. As a resident of the Coppin Heights Community, don't you want to grow? Community! For more information about Healthy Neighborhoods, call Dominique at 443-984-3766

## It's 2008! Treat Yourself to Financial Freedom

This month, love yourself by treating yourself to the free valuable information provided by the Road Map to Financial Freedom's Taking Back My Financial Freedom Classes. In addition to the evening classes, we provide one-on-one counseling.

One definition of love is to promote overall well being. If you fear a

possible recession or are feeling a credit crunch, why not invest in yourself by learning more how to manage your personal finances. Empower yourself and decrease the likelihood of sleepless nights. Stop avoiding the telephone for fear of creditors.

Learn how you can become a better borrower, consumer, saver, or credit holder by calling Ms. Mwuese Igyor at 443-984-3766.

Classes are held at Calverton Elementary Middle School on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30.

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

### Don't Miss the Primary Election - February 12

#### ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

#### IMPORTANT FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

February 12, 2008 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<u>Presidential Primary Election</u>
November 4, 2008 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<u>Presidential Election</u>

**1. I am not registered. Can I register now?** Yes, but you will not be able to vote in the primary election on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to register was January 22, 2008. You should register now so that you will be ready to vote in the General election November 4, 2008.

The deadline for November 4<sup>th</sup> is October 14, 2008.

**2. What should I do if I moved to another county within the State or to Baltimore City?**

You should provide your new address to the local board of elections in your new jurisdiction.

**3. How do I update my voter registration?** You must notify the local board of elections where you currently live if your voter registration information has changed. If you complete a change of address form at the MVA, this information will be sent to your local board of elections for processing, unless you indicate that you do not want to change your voter registration information. You can also send changes on a voter registration application or on any other signed written notice. If you do not receive a Voter Notification Card with your updated

information three weeks after you submit information, you should contact the local board of elections where you now live to ensure that your records are up-to-date.

**4. May I change parties?** Yes, except after November 19, 2007. To change your party affiliation, submit a new voter registration application or a written request to your local board of elections. If you request a change in party affiliation after November 19, 2007, your request will be held at the local board of elections and processed when registration reopens after the Primary Election.

**5. How do I verify my registration?** You are considered a registered voter when you receive your Voter Notification Card from your local board of elections. If you do not receive your card three weeks after you submit an application, you should contact your local board of elections. Registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in Maryland and keep your name and address current with your local board of elections. You do not have to re-register when you move within the State, but you must keep your address current.

**6. How do I apply if I am a non-Maryland resident?** If you are not a Maryland resident, you may register to vote in your home state using the National Voter Registration Form.

**7. Voting Rights for 17 Year Olds** An individual who is 17 years old may vote in the 2008 Presidential Primary Election,

provided:· The individual will be 18 years old on or before November 4, 2008 (the date of the Presidential General Election); and the individual is registered to vote and is affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Party.

#### **8. Restoration of Voting Rights in Maryland**

Can I have my voting rights restored in Maryland if I have previously been convicted of a felony?

Effective, July 1, 2007, if you have been convicted of a felony and have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction, you are eligible to register to vote. You do not qualify to register to vote if you have been convicted of buying or selling votes.

For more information, contact the **BOARD OF ELECTIONS** at

#### **Street Address**

151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
*Office hours are 8am to pm, M-F*

#### **Mailing Address**

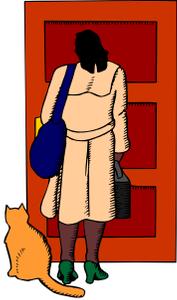
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

**Toll Free** 800-222-8683

**Maryland Relay Service**  
800-735-2258

#### **E-mail**

info@elections.state.md.us



## Lead and Children in Coppin Heights

### FREE HOUSING SERVICES FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS

Lead is a highly toxic metal used in building materials since the late 1700s; however, residential use of lead-based paint was just outlawed in the U.S. in 1978 despite the adverse affects of lead being recognized since Benjamin Franklin wrote about them in 1786. Although there has been a ban on the residential use of lead-based for 30 years, many children continue to be exposed to lead through paint, dust, and soil because homes built prior to 1978 very likely still contain lead paint. Children under the age of 6 and pregnant women are most affected by lead. Elevated blood lead levels in children can cause hyperactivity, learning disabilities, aggressive behavior, and attention disorders.

**Stoppin' Lead in Coppin (SLC)** is a new program for families in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont area. The program will help protect educate you on how to keep your family LEAD FREE. SLC provides community trainings on lead safety, lead-safe work practices (if you are renovating your home), legal rights, as well as hazard identification. If you are a renter, we can help you, too! Our services are available to both homeowners and renters. We offer in-home assessments, using the Notice of Defect to inform landlords of problems. SLC offers **FREE** access to our HEPA Vacuum Loan Program. HEPA Vacuums are special vacuums that are excellent for reducing dust and other indoor asthma triggers because unlike regular vacuums, HEPA vacuums retain 99.97% of the particles they pick up.

We are also promoting a **FREE** window replacement program through the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning's Operation LEAP Baltimore. Residents are now able to replace your old wooden windows (a major source of lead exposure) with new, safer windows. To learn more about any of these programs, please contact Stoppin' Lead in Coppin at (443) 984-3766 or (800)370-5323

We invite you to attend our next Lead Safe informational session on **Tuesday, February 19, 2008** from **6-8p.m.**, in **Calverton Elementary/Middle School's Community Room**. To register, call (443) 984-3766 or (800)370-5323

## Help Us Develop the Coppin Heights Community Memoir

What better way to attract new residents and keep those of us that have been around for a while than to develop a community memoir, right?

A memoir is a record of events written by a person or persons having intimate knowledge of the events and based on personal observation.

At Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, we need your help from your personal experience to develop the *Coppin Heights Community Memoir*.

If you can remember historical events, have photos, or other materials that should be included in the memoir, please let us know. We want to include as many special moments, both personal and public, as possible. These materials will be distributed to current residents and new residents. We expect the document will take at least six months to develop. But once finished, it will be an intimate look at the community we call home.

For an interview or to share photos (which will be returned), call 443-984-3766 or 410-95136222

### BORROW A HEPA VACUUM FROM US AND 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, we now have vacuums with HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate) filters which can remove at least 99.97% of airborne particles. These vacuums are excellent for homes with small children, pregnant women, and people with Asthma.

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

## Test Your Knowledge of African American History

- Who gave rise to Black History Week in the 1920's?  
A. Marcus Garvey    B. Carter Woodson    C. Martin Luther King    D. William E. Dubois
- When did Black History Week become Black History Month?  
A. 1950's    B. 1960's    C. 1970's    D. 1980's
- The ACS (American Colonization Society) helped free slaves immigrate to which independent nation in the early 19th Century?  
A. Liberia    B. Ghana    C. England    D. Jamaica
- This "Moses of her people" was a famous abolitionist who helped hundreds of slaves find freedom.  
A. Sojourner Truth    B. Zora Neal Hurston    C. Rosa Parks    D. Harriet Tubman
- Which Amendment gave African-Americans the right to vote?  
A. XV    B. XVII    C. X    D. XVIII
- What was the name of the art and literary movement that took place among African-Americans during the 1920's and 1930's ?  
A. The Transcendental Movement    B. The Harlem Renaissance  
C. The Montgomery Improvement Association    D. The New Deal
- Which person was not a writer associated with the art and literary movement mentioned in the previous question?  
A. Zora N. Hurston    B. Langston Hughes    C. James Weldon Johnson    D. Althea Gibson
- This court case held that segregation in schools violated the 14th Amendment.  
A. Plessy v. Ferguson    B. Brown v. Board of Education
- Before he joined the Nation of Islam, who was Muhammad Ali better known as?  
A. Crispus Attackus    B. Donovan Bailey    C. Harry Belafonte    D. Cassius Clay
- Elijah Muhammad suspended Malcolm X from the Nation of Islam for comments he made in a speech following which national tragedy?  
A. The Challenger Disaster    B. Kennedy's Assassination  
C. The Red Summer    D. The bombing of Pearl Harbor

Answers can be found on the page 5.

### Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Steering Committee Meeting

Have you attended a meeting of the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Steering Committee? If not, you are missing out on an opportunity to work on projects and provide

advisement on activities that affect our entire community. We hope you will join us at the next meeting. **Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at Calverton Middle School, 1100 Whitmore**

**Avenue.** The group includes residents, city agency reps, business owners, and community leaders meet to discuss and develop strategies to address our community's priority areas:

- Slum and Blight Removal
- Community Safety

(3) Health and Education Disparities.

The next meeting of the Steering Community will be held on February 25, 2008.



**BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**

**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,  
**February 20, 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!

- Skating
- Bowling
- Bingo
- Line Dancing

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.

**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! All tickets purchased by January 4<sup>th</sup> will qualify for a special prize drawing!

**Buy your tickets early and save!** Call 443-984-3766 to purchase tickets.



**Upcoming Community Events**

**Money Power Day 2008**  
**February 16 10am - 3pm**  
**Baltimore Polytechnic Institute High School**

Families who come to Money Power Day will be armed with the resources and support needed to change their financial futures. Money Power Day is a **FREE** annual event providing Baltimore

City residents and workers with quality financial services like:

- Free tax preparation
- Free credit report and credit counseling
- Customized financial planning
- Housing counseling
- Credit counseling
- Screening for public benefits.

**Gang Summit Planning Meeting**

**February 9, 9:30am**  
**1329 W. Baltimore St**

Youth are welcome to serve on the planning committee. Contact Gary English, 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District for more info at 410-530-8678

**Community Prayer The Baptist Minister's Conference of Baltimore & Vicinity**

February 4 @ 11:15am  
Corner of Pennsylvania Avenue & Laurens

We will pray for the People of Baltimore City

Call Rev. Willie Ray for more info at 410-945-6712

**Black History Month Quiz Answers Key:**

1. Carter Woodson gave rise to Black History Month in the 1920's.
2. Black History Week became Black History Month in 1976.
3. The ACS ( American Colonization Society) helped free slaves immigrate to Liberia in the early 19th Century.
4. "The Moses of her people," otherwise known as Harriet Tubman led hundreds of slaves to freedom after she escaped from slavery herself.
5. Amendment XV, ratified on February 3, 1870 gave African American males the right to vote.
6. The Harlem Renaissance was a movement in art and literature among African-Americans during the 1920's -1930's .
7. Aletha Gibson was not involved with the Harlem Renaissance. She was the first African-American woman to win the Wimbledon and U.S. singles championships.
8. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, 1954 held that segregation in schools violated the 14th Amendment. It actually overturned the ruling of Plessy v. Ferguson.
9. Before he joined the Nation of Islam Muhammad Ali was better known as Cassius Marcellus Clay.
10. Elijah Muhammad suspended Malcolm X from the Nation of Islam for comments he made in a speech following John F. Kennedy's assassination

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## Mark Your Calendar for CHCDC 2008 Events!!

### April 19, 2008

11am to 2pm  
"Agent of Positive Change"  
Community Awards Luncheon  
Coppin State University  
Dining & 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

### June 7, 2008

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

## CHCDC seeks volunteers to serve on its Events Planning

### 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 410-951-3622 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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