December 2007

Dear Friend,

These are exciting times for the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community and the Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC). Revitalization of our community is well underway! All year long, the staff and Board at the CHCDC have been working tirelessly to ensure that the neighborhoods that make up our community are not left out of the revitalization plan and that the services and programs necessary to improve the quality of life in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community are made available to and easily accessible for residents.

In 2007, we developed new programs and partnerships to provide services and support in the areas of social, economic, educational and affordable housing development:

Homeownership

- o Healthy Neighborhoods below market loans for purchase, refinance, and home improvements
- o Housing Counseling (in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore)
- o Foreclosure Prevention Assistance
- o Community Housing Fair a one-stop resource for current homeowners, prospective buyers, and renters

• Economic Development

- o RoadMap to Financial Freedom financial literacy services for residents 16 and older
- Business Development Assistance

• Community Improvement

o Keep Our Vacant Lots Clean

Housing Services

- o Development of Three New Homes for Homeownership on 2700 Block of North Avenue
- o Façade Improvement Mini-Grants for Homeowners in the 2700 Block of West North Avenue
- o Tenant Advocacy and Assistance
- Stoppin Lead In Coppin (in partnership with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning and Coppin State University)

• Youth Development

o CHCDC Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program

Collectively, these programs and services help us to increase the stability and sustainability of our community.

Boundaries for Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation services are Monroe and Hilton (East to West) and Gwynns Falls to Edmondson/Franklin (North to South). This area of West Baltimore is much like other urban communities. We face many social ills, including blight and slum housing conditions, record high unemployment rates, health and education disparities, and overall economic depression. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 21.4% of families in our community live below the poverty line.

Our goal is to change our community from the inside out. Through a collaborative effort with residents, businesses, government agencies, and friends like you, we can improve the quality of life in our community and see significant changes for the better by 2010. We hope that you will support our work with a donation. Please read on to learn more. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation Staff and Board of Directors

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Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

"Teamwork makes the dream work" is a slogan our Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator has been using to motivate herself and those around her. When I heard it, it spoke to my heart regarding our community.

We all dream of a community free of trash, boarded homes, and criminal activity. Each of us individually may make some small effort toward making our dream a reality. Perhaps you clean up in front of your home, connect

our youth with productive activities, or report criminal activity. Each of these is important and greatly appreciated, but I ask you to think about the single tree that falls in the forest. Does anyone hear it? Maybe. Maybe not.

What if every tree in the forest suddenly fell at the same time? Undoubtedly, a thump like that would be heard for miles.

Our work to improve our community has to be a group effort. I hope that

one of your resolutions for 2008 will be to become more actively involved in group community improvement activities. Let's make sure that in 2008 the "thump" that we make is not only heard across town but across the country!

Let's make sure that everyone knows that Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont is a community on the move!!

Michelle McEachern Executive Director

A Message from Your Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator

Healthy Neighborhoods is on the move!!!

Coming soon, Healthy Neighborhoods will be able to provide a matching grant up to \$10,000 for those residents who are interested in a Healthy Neighborhood Rehab/ Refinance loan. This is a wonderful opportunity for any on in the Coppin Heights community who is in need of repairs to their home. For example, if you are applying for a loan and you only qualify for a \$10,000 rehab loan, you

will now receive matching funds of \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 in repairs and upgrades. Please be advised that there are income restrictions. If you are interested, please call Dominique at 443-984-3766 or email me at dclark_chcdc@yahoo.com

Happenings in the Roadmap to Financial Freedom Program

We are proud to highlight some achievements of the Road Map to Financial Freedom Program. We just wrapped up our program at Coppin Academy. Every Tuesday for the past 4 weeks I visited Mrs. Zipp's 11th grade class. Topics covered included cash management, credit cards, banking/check writing, and savings. The high school curriculum is also being taught at Carver and Fredrick Douglass High Schools. We are kicking off our adult "Take Back My Financial Freedom" classes starting Monday,

December 3, 2007. Come check us out! Classes are held every Monday and Thursday at Calverton Elementary Middle School from 6pm to 7:30pm. You may attend any or all of the seven class topics. For more info, call Ms. Igyor at 443-984-3766



Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation

Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program

Our children need you!

Thousands of children suffer traumatic and extended separations from their parents on account of parental incarceration. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics state:

- 1 in every 142 U.S. residents was incarcerated
- Over 2 million U.S. children have had an incarcerated parent on any single day
- 1 in 32 adults in the U.S. is under some form of correctional supervision (probation, parole, jail or prison).
- Over 7 million children under the age of 18 have a parent under correctional supervision.

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.

Won't you consider becoming a mentor?

What would be required of you?

- At least 21 years of age
- Pass a background check
- Attend mentor and family strengthening training
- Participate in weekly phone contact with mentee
- Participate in at least one individual contact per month with mentee

Who are the youth in our mentorship program?

- Age 4-17
- Live in the 21216 zip code area
- Has a parent incarcerated in state or federal prison

How will CHCDC assist you in your mentorship? We will:

- Schedule monthly group activities
- Facilitate individual meetings with mentors and mentees



For more information on becoming a mentor or to register a child, please call us at 443-984-3766 or email chcdc@coppin.edu

Recycling Announcement



Effective January 8, 2008, the City will begin collecting all recyclable materials - bottles, cans, plastic # 1-7, mixed paper and cardboard in a single container on the same day. With Single Stream collection there is no excuse not to recycle; it simplifies the recycling

schedule; you will mix your recycling material all together and set out for collection in one bin and on the same day. The new system will help make recycling simpler, easier and boost participation.

Please note, there will be

no more Monday recycling collection, to avoid all of the holiday missed collections; and plastic bags of any color will no longer be accepted.

For more info, call 3-1-1



Stoppin Lead in Coppin Door-to-Door Home Assessments Have Begun

The Door-to-door canvassing component of the Stoppin' Lead in Coppin project which provides free home assessments and other resources specifically for residents in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont Community begun on Saturday, December 1st. If they haven't already done so, Coppin State University students will be knocking on your door to discuss the health and safety of your home. They will be armed with useful information and resources you can use for some items as:

- Lead Safe Cleaning Materials
- HEPA Vacuum Loan Program
- Window Replacement
- And more!

For more information or to schedule a home assessment call Tiffany Davis at 410-534-6447 or Jordan Horner at 443-984-3766

Community Events and Activities

Holiday Party

Join Coppin Heights
Community Development
Corporation and the Greater
Coppin Heights Rosemont
Steering Committee for our
Holiday Party on Wednesday,
December 19th from 6pm to
8pm at the Easterwood Park
Recreation Center, corner of
Bentalou and Baker Streets.
There will be gifts, prizes,
food, and fun. RSVP by
Monday, December 17th by
calling 443-984-3766

Free Breast Cancer Screenings

Every Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm UniversityCare Family Health Centers

Two UniversityCare family health centers in West Baltimore are offering FREE breast cancer screening as part of the Baltimore City Cancer Program, an early-detection effort for uninsured, low-income city residents. The free screenings are available every Monday through Friday at UniversityCare at

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Edmondson Avenue and UniversityCare at Waxter Center, 1000 Cathedral Street. The University of Maryland Marlene and

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Stewart Greenebaum Cancer
Center at the University of
Maryland Medical Center
also offers free
mammograms, breast exams
and pap tests to women who
reside in Baltimore City,
who are 40 years of age and
older and have no health
insurance. To make an
appointment for a free
screening, city residents
can call 410-328-4673

(HOPE).

A NOTE OF THANKS AND WELL WISHES

Many of you may know Tony Bridges, Director Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods & Constituent Services. Well, Tony, who has been a huge asset to our community, is leaving City government for a similar position with the State government. Over the years, Tony has ensured that we have not been overlooked for grants and other resources. He will truly be missed.

A word of thanks in his only words:

"On December 10th, I will start a new role and will be leaving City government. It has really been a pleasure working with you and helping to address issues and concerns I feel that we have accomplished a lot through this office and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods & Constituent Services in partnership with you all will continue to do so much more. There are some exciting opportunities planned for neighborhoods in 2008 that I can't tell you about just yet, but the outreach and partnerships will continue and increase under the Dixon Administration. I hope to be able to do the same with you in my new role... I will continue outreach in my new position ... It has really been a pleasure to work with so many of you!!!! We have done great work TOGETHER and the partnerships will grow even stronger in 2008 and beyond!!! ..."

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

Mark Twain

Youth Talent Showcase Looking for Talented Youth!



In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation has partnered with the Save Another Youth & Stop the Violence Coalition for a Youth Talent Showcase.

If you can sing, dance, act, do positive rap, standup comedy, write and read poetry, model, or have a similar talent, call 443-984-3766 to schedule an audition.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 24th at Calverton Elementary/ Middle School. The event will start with a reception at 4:30pm followed by the talent show at 5pm.

The theme for the event is Youth Involvement in Community Improvement.

For more information, call Rev. Willie Ray, Chairman of Save Another Youth & Stop the Violence Coalition at 410-945-6712 or stop by 2858 Harlem Avenue.

You may also contact Debbie White at 410-718-1388 or Mr. Victor Clark at 410-669-1752.

Community Meetings

Western and Southwestern
Districts of the Baltimore City
Police Department hold monthly
meetings and they want to hear from
you! Meetings are held the last
Wednesday of each month.
6PM - Western District

1034 N. Mount Street
6:30PM - Southwestern District
24 Font Hill Ave

Ash Co-East/Coppin Heights
Community Association Meetings
are held at 7PM the third Monday of
each month at the Easterwood Park
Recreation Center at the corner
Baker and Bentalou Streets.

Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations Meetings are held at 6PM the third Tuesday of each month at the Rosemont Towers (Community Room), 740 Poplar Grove St

Hilton/North Merchants

Association Meetings are held at 7PM the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Walbrook branch of the Enoch Pratt Library (use side entrance)

Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council Meetings are held at 7PM the first Thursday of each in the month in the Community Room at Mondawmin Mall

Mark Your Calendar & Join Us for a Formal Introduction to Healthy Neighborhoods

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:

- (1) Slum and Blight Removal
- (2) Community Safety
- (3) Health andEducation Disparities.

Join Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation when we celebrate the kick off of Healthy Neighborhoods in Coppin Heights!

January 3, 2008

3:00pm-6:00pm Coppin State University, 2500 W. North Avenue Room 218A-Dining and Meeting Hall

You will...

- Learn how to reduce your monthly mortgage payment
- Meet our Preferred Realtors
- Meet Coppin Heights CDC Staff
- Learn about available homes for purchase in Coppin Heights
- Have a snack on us...

FOR MORE INFO, CALL DOMINIQUE AT 443-984-3766

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Coppin State University (CSU) in partnership with the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) hosted the official Ribbon-Cutting and Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Physical Education Complex (PEC) Project on October 24, 2007.

In September 2005, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for over \$99 million dollars was signed by former CSU President Dr. Stanley F. Battle, former Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and MSA Chairman Carl A.J. Wright for design and construction of the 246,000 square foot complex.

"The initial phase, which was abatement at the former Northwest

Coppin State University Breaks Ground on New Physical Education Complex

Business Center, has been completed, and demolition work is in progress," said Dr. Maqbool Patel, Associate Vice President for Capital Planning, Construction, and Contracts at CSU. "This ribbon-cutting and ground breaking ceremony marks the beginning of the Coppin State University Physical Education Complex site construction. The project is due to be completed in approximately two years."

The three-building PEC project that will expand the 52-acre campus by approximately one-third is due for occupancy in Fall 2009. It will house a 4,100-seat basketball arena, an indoor NCAA regulation pool with spectator seating, a fitness center, an auxiliary gymnasium, dance studios, multi-purpose space, racquetball courts, and "smart" classrooms.

Numerous outdoor athletic features will be located adjacent to the PEC, including a NCAA regulation 400-meter outdoor track with spectator seating, a synthetic turf soccer field, a natural grass softball field, and tennis courts. Additionally, the project includes construction of a Satellite Central Utility Plant, a Facilities Management and Public Safety building, parking lots, road expansion, and a new campus entrance.

Got A New Neighbor?

Help us acknowledge our new neighbors and get them on our mailing list. If you have a new neighborhood, please have them call us so that we can formally welcome them to our community, add them to our website, and ensure that they are aware of community meeting dates, trash pick up dates, and other useful information! Call 443-984-3766

SAVE THE 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, January 9, 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 4th will qualify for a special prize drawing!

Call 443-984-3766 to purchase tickets.



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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
Dinning & Meeting Hall

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: TBD

CHCDC seeks volunteers to serve on its Events Planning Committee. To Volunteer, call 410-951-3622

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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