

Greater Coppin Heights/ Rosemont Community News

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It Takes All of Us

As a longtime homeowner in the Greater Coppin Heights/Rosemont community, I come to work each day with a sincere commitment to contribute to positive change in our community. I research and gather programs, services, and other resources that will help make our community a cleaner, healthier, and safer place to live, work, and play.

Like you, I see the trash in our allies, young people lacking productive activities with which to occupy their time, and boarded up homes which

contribute to crime, rats, and an overall slum appearance. These are things I see with my natural eye. But with my spiritual eye, I can see the possibilities!

Can you see our clean streets and allies, our young people actively involved in neighborhood improvement projects, and our neighborhood free of boarded up houses?

The development projects at Coppin State University and Mondawmin Mall have put our community in the spotlight. This is our opportunity to get the

powers-that-be to invest in our community. As a community leader and advocate, I am willing to stand on the frontline. But as you know, there is power in numbers. The larger community investments are great for all of us (I can't wait for the Shoppers to open!), but it will take all of us to make enough noise to ensure that investment dollars trickle down into our neighborhoods. Join me on the front line to bring back our community to the way it used to be.

Michelle McEachern
Executive Director

A Message from Your Healthy Neighborhoods Coordinator

Being a part of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program has been a wonderful experience. I am looking forward to the up and coming block projects as well as assisting current residents with beautifying their homes through the use of the Healthy Neighborhoods Rehab/Refinance Loan Program. In addition to helping the current residents, I am also looking forward to finding the Coppin Heights family new neighbors through the use of the Healthy Neighborhoods Purchase

Loan Program. The wonderful thing about the Healthy Neighborhoods is these loans are one (1) point below Fannie Mae, 30- year fixed.

For example, using today's rate (10/30/07) which is 6.3%, if you purchased or refinanced your home with Healthy Neighborhoods your rate would be 5.3%. The principle and interest payment on a \$150,000 loan would be only \$832.96 with a Healthy Neighborhoods loan compared to \$928.46 with a market rate loan! That is a \$95.50 savings per month or

\$1,146 savings per year! If you are like me, you have other things on which you could spend nearly \$1,150!

Whether you are currently a homeowner in Coppin Heights or looking to purchase a home, call me today! I can not only help you find a home but I can also help you make your home your dream home!

Dominique Clark, 443-984-3766 or email me at dclark_chcdc@yahoo.com



Fresh produce is coming to our community!

Shopper's Food & Pharmacy Grand Opening

Construction at Mondawmin Mall is well on its way! The opportunity to purchase fresh produce and meats without traveling outside of our community is just weeks away! The grand opening of the new Shopper's Food & Pharmacy is scheduled for late November – just in time for Thanksgiving.

Shopper's is now looking to staff its newest location with cashiers and clerks (deli, bakery, produce, seafood, grocery, service, and pharmacy) as well as night stockers, journeyman meat cutters, management trainees

and experience supermarket managers.

Positions are both part-time (20-30 hours per week) and full-time. Experience is helpful, but not required. The store will train for most positions. Starting rates are \$7.40 up to \$10 per hour depending on position and experience.

No interviews will be conducted at the construction site. Contact Maria Segal at the Northwest Career Center (410-523-1060) for further information.

Need Help Managing the Rising Cost of Living?

Have you found yourself in a position where you seem to be spending more than you earn, or your paychecks do not seem to stay in your wallet long enough for you to enjoy the fruits of your labor? Are you growing weary of the constant juggling act when monthly bills are due? We are offering you the opportunity for which you have been waiting -- **The Road Map to Financial Literacy Freedom** (a two part training and counseling program).

Training for Financial Freedom

Road Map to Financial Literacy Freedom training classes are designed for adults as well as high school students (ages 16 to 18).

Class topics include credit management, predatory lending, budgeting and saving, investing, and mortgage management.

Our FREE classes are

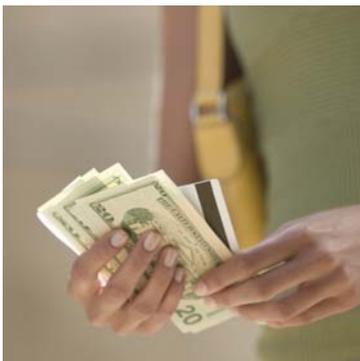
available to the public. Day and evening classes are available.

To enroll, contact Mwuese Igyor, Financial Literacy Coordinator at 443-984-3766 between 9am to 5pm.

Two information sessions will be conducted at Noon on Friday, November 9th and Friday, November 16th on the campus of Coppin State University in the Meeting and Dining Hall (Silver/Glass).



The stress of how to make ends meet can affect you both physically and mentally!



Trouble Paying Your Mortgage

Your home is your biggest investment. Don't wait another minute to get help. The foreclosure process can happen quickly, so don't wait to ask for help. Assistance, options, and resources are just a phone call away.

Call 311 Today!

- Available 24/7
- Receive FREE counseling from HUD-approved nonprofit organizations
- Get help with a plan to work out your financial difficulties.

Counselors will refer you to other resources in your

community, including family support services, employment assistance, housing programs, and more

You may also contact the Homeownership Preservation Foundation at 866-995-HELP.



Your Home Could Have a Current Lead Hazard Violation

Many families, whether renting or purchasing, move into homes without receiving proper disclosure of the lead history on the property. What does this mean to you? Your family could be living in a home where lead hazards have been left uncorrected for years.

To address this issue, the Baltimore City Health Department – Healthy Homes Division is providing public access to information on properties with current lead hazard violations through its website.

To find out about a property with uncorrected lead violations, visit

www.baltimorehealth.org/leadviolations or call 443-984-2460

You may also contact the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning for a host of services and support at 800-370-LEAD or www.lead-safe.org



“PICTURE PERFECT” PORCH CONTEST

Visitors just love to see the beautiful flowers and lovely decorated porches in our neighborhood. Beautiful porches tell prospective buyers that we care about our homes and our neighborhood. We would like to celebrate our neighbors who put forth special effort to help make our neighborhood beautiful and inviting for visitors and prospective buyers by hosting what we hope will become an annual event – **“Picture Perfect” Porch Contest!**

To register your porch for the contest, call 443-984-3766 or email chcdc@coppin.edu with your name, home address and telephone number. We would also like to know if you own or rent your home and how long you have lived in the neighborhood. Register no later than November 21st.

Porches will be evaluated the week of November 26th. Winners will be announced the week of December 3rd.

Prizes

- 1st Place Winner - \$100 Home Depot gift certificate
- 2nd Place Winner - \$50 Home Depot gift certificate
- 3rd Place Winner - \$25 Home Depot gift certificate

Community Events Not To Be Missed

The **Northwest Community Action Organization** will host a Health & Wellness event on Saturday, November 10th from 10am to 2pm at Longwood and Baker Streets. The event will information, free health tests and screenings.

The **American Clergy Leadership Conference** will host it Unity in the Community Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 17th from 9am – 11am at Greater Harvest

Baptist Church, 1617 W. Saratoga Street. Tickets are \$10 each. For more info, call Rev. Willie Ray at 410-945-4560.

La’GRAMERCY’s Renewing Life Center will host Harvest Day – Soup for the Soul on Saturday, November 17th from Noon to 3pm at the Liberty Recreation Center located at 3901 Main Street, Baltimore (21207).

Tickets are \$25 and

include one beautifully crafted soup bowl, a variety of soups, sandwiches, breads, Hors d’oeuvres, desserts and beverages. For more information, call Brenda 443-831-3151

The Renewing Life Center, located at 3333 Alto Street, works to end poverty, illiteracy, emotional bondage, educational barriers, inadequate healthcare, and self destruction of families in our community.

“We must all hang together or assuredly we shall all hang separately.”
Author: Benjamin Franklin
Source: to John Hancock at the signing of the Declaration of Independence



These creatures live where food is plentiful; don't leave anything out for them!

RATS! RATS! RATS! Please Leave Our Neighborhood!

Rats live where food is plentiful. If you have seen food wrappers and drinks in the gutter or on the curb and you left it there, you invited rats to come into our neighborhood and stay for a party.

These diseased rodents are coming into our blocks because of the development taking place on North Avenue and the surrounding area. Rats

aren't new to West Baltimore but they may be new to your block. How do you get rid of them? Don't leave them anything to eat.

Even if you didn't put it there, **pick up any trash and old food** you see in your gutter, on your pavement, or on your porch.

Use metal trash cans

with lids. Rats can and will eat through plastic containers.

Call RAT RUBOUT at 311 if you have seen burrows in your property or your neighbor's property.

NONE of us want rats in our neighborhood! Right? Let's work together to get rid of them.

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

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 and Education Disparities.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP at Easterwood Park DECEMBER 1ST • 8AM

As part of the *Keep Our Vacant Lot Clean* project, join us for a community clean-up at Easterwood Park (Bentalou & Baker Streets) at 8am on Saturday, December 1st. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. Hotdogs, drinks and other snacks will be served.

We are also planning to have a roll-off so that residents that missed bulk trash day in November or have larger items can properly dispose of them.

Community service hours are available for students. For more information, call Michelle at 443-984-3766.



Reginald S. Avery Appointed President of Coppin State University

Clifford M. Kendall, chair of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents, today announced the appointment of Reginald S. Avery as president of Coppin State University (CSU). Avery is currently executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina Upstate, part of the University of South Carolina system. He will join CSU as president in early January 2008.

"We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Avery as president of Coppin," said Chairman Kendall. "He has a proven track record of success in several key areas, including enhancing academic support services, improving student retention and graduation rates, attracting outside funding, and encouraging business and community partnerships. The board is confident that Dr. Avery's

experience will serve the students, faculty, and staff of Coppin State; Baltimore City; and the State of Maryland well in the years ahead."

"I consider it an honor and privilege to have been selected as the next president of Coppin State University," said Avery. "I will work hard to embrace and protect the university's important and historic mission; while at the same time collaborate with campus constituencies to advance excellence and effectiveness in every aspect, including academic programs, teaching and learning, student retention and progression, fiscal and budgetary matters, community outreach, institutional and program accreditations, and global initiatives. Coppin is an outstanding university that is poised for greatness and I am fortunate to be a part of its future development."

Avery holds a Ph.D. from the Florence Heller School of Social Policy and Management at

Brandeis University, an M.S.W. from the George Williams College of Aurora University, and a B.S. in sociology from North Carolina A&T State University. He and his wife Esther have three adult children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Avery will succeed Stanley Battle, who left Coppin State in early June to become president of North Carolina A&T State University.

Got News To Share? Anniversaries, Weddings, Births

Let us know what's happening and we'll include it in our newsletter! There is limited space, so we cannot guarantee that every announcement will be included, but call us at 443-984-3766 or send an email to chcdc@coppin.edu including the specifics by the 18th of the month.

Low Cost, High Quality Care Is Offered at the CSU Helene Fuld School of Nursing Community Health Center

The Coppin State University Nursing Center, a nurse-managed clinic located at 2551-2553 West North Avenue, is a primary care facility, which is operated by the Division of Nursing.

The Center provides readily accessible, low cost, high quality care to residents of the community surrounding the University.

Services of the Center emphasize health promotion and prevention of disease.

Services include:

- Well baby visits
- Physicals
- Immunization Shots.

Nurse practitioners, faculty and students of the Division of Nursing, and in some instances, a physician, provide

services. All professional personnel are properly licensed by the State of Maryland. The center accepts many insurance plans and also offers income-based self-payment plans.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (410) 951-4188.



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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

August 16, 2008

10am to 2pm
1st Annual CHCDC Financial Literacy &
Education Fair
Location: TBD

June 7, 2008

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

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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