



Coldspring Community Association Update

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The Coldspring Community Association Board of Directors meetings* for 2008 are on the
4th Thursday of the month at 7:15pm in the community cottage
August 28 - September 25 - October 23 - November 20*
***3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving**

Coldspring Newtown is on the Internet



The Coldspring web site has expanded and now has a community forum for you to see what your neighbors are talking about. The forum gives everyone in the community a chance to voice their thoughts about Coldspring. Various services that residents have recommended such as realtors, electricians, glass companies, etc. are also included and open for your input at www.coldspringnewtown.com/yellowpages.html. It also lists recycling dates, board meetings, downloadable community forms and information regarding safety, and rules & regulations of community living. The site also has contact information about city and government agencies and much, much more. Check it out.

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Congratulations to:

Chikwe C. Njoku, CCA board member, for all the time and energy spent on behalf of Coldspring to secure several grant projects (Concert in the Park, Labyrinth Project, Youth Works Project).

Frank Lee and Libby Baker for initiating and leading the Sustainable Coldspring committee.

Heather Boos – Securing Youth Works



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Upcoming Events and Community Grants

Concert in the Park - Councilperson Sharon Green Middleton assisted in helping us secure funding from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts Grant Program (Comcast) for our upcoming community service project and for being selected to be one of the locations for the City's Summer Concerts in the Park Series (Friday, September 5, 2008 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm). These two activities are being implemented as part of our effort to encourage residents to become more involved in the community, while providing an activity where residents can get out and meet one another and enjoy the community.

Labyrinth Project - The Labyrinth at Coldspring is sponsored in part by Comcast and the City of Baltimore and initiated by CCA in order to provide a cultural enhancement to our neighborhood while promoting community involvement. Refer to special flyer and web site for details.

Youth Works Program - Provides opportunities for Baltimore's youth to be engaged in positive activities over the summer. Heather Boos attended the workshop and secured three young people to work with her during the 2008 pool season.

CCA meeting with Delegate Sandy Rosenberg, Senator Lisa Gladden about Slots and Roland Patterson School



Slots - Regarding the slots issue, there is a Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP), which applies to five communities north of Northern Parkway. There is also a Park Heights Master Plan. Other communities within one mile of Pimlico racetrack, of which Coldspring is one, as well as the SNAP and Park Heights communities will share in slots revenues. There is an expected total of \$12 Million, which is 18% of the State's total, for these areas. If the Referendum passes this fall, the SNAP and Park Heights neighborhoods will receive approximately 75% (\$9Million), with 25%(\$3 Million) of the anticipated revenue going to neighborhoods within one mile of the track. Delegate Rosenberg estimates that Coldspring may be eligible for up to \$500,000 depending on the identified use of the funds.

Roland Patterson School – Several members from the community met with Delegate Rosenberg, Delegate Oaks, Senator Gladden, and Councilperson Middleton to discuss the future of Roland Patterson School with representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools. BCPSS indicated that several charter school programs such as KIPP Academy, Baltimore Civitas, and MATHS Academy would continue to operate in the facility up until at least 2009. This is part of the School System's new Transformation School Initiative being championed by School's CEO Dr Andres Alonzo. BCPSS noted that some improvements will be made to the school, but they will not be extensive since the School ultimately plans to return the building to the City once new facilities/locations are developed for the existing programs.

CCA Board will be seeking feedback from the community on possible uses/reuses of this site in order to begin to develop possible options for this property that will complement and enhance the community. This information will be used in discussions with State, City, and School officials on the future use of the site.



Security at Coldspring – Wackenhut security patrol has been responsive to our requests and crime concerns are at a minimum during the times they are on duty. Many residents have seen them out and about on foot and in their car and are pleased with their service.



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Security Grant - CCA has applied for a grant to purchase two-way radios. These radios will be used by the Coldspring Management, Maintenance, Pool, and Security to communicate while moving about in the community. There also may be opportunities for these radios to be used by community volunteers for crime watch activities.



Pool report – The 2008 Pool season has arrived and things are moving ahead swimmingly. At present we have less outside members than the previous two years, but have been adding new members, as the weather gets warmer. Heather Boos (pool manager) has kept things on track and has several activities planned for the rest of the pool season. The July Holiday weekend had games and live music.



Pool Side Café – The café is being serviced by Chef Greta and people are raving about her exquisite cuisine. All food is prepared to order and reasonable priced. The café is open every day except Wednesday for your convenience, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm with an hour break around 2:30 pm. Visit the café and eat there or take it home. Chef Greta's complete menu can be found on our web site at www.coldspringnewtown.com/swim.html



Sustainable Committee www.coldspringnewtown.com/Sustainable.html

The Sustainable Coldspring Committee invites you to join your neighbors to:

- Create an energy efficient community - and lower our carbon footprint
- Lower individual and community electric and water costs
- Improve the quality of our environment
- Live within the capacity of our natural resources
- Protect and enhance natural areas and green space

The current areas under discussion are Community Gardens, Landscaping Green Issues, Recycling, Reducing Community Electrical Usage, and Reducing Individual Residents' electrical usage.

The 'Energy/Carbon Survey' form, developed by the committee, can be filled out online at www.coldspringnewtown.com/Sustainable.html

Recycling and roll-off dumpster schedules can be found on the website at www.coldspringnewtown.com/newsletter.html

Visit web site for meeting dates and information about making Coldspring sustainable.

Coldspring Newtown Office Hours, Staff, and Fax

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