



## Celebrate Earth Day with Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council



### **Spring Cleanup on April 24th.**

Spring is here! Mayor Brandon Scott and Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) Acting Director Matthew W. Garbark encourage residents to participate in Mayor Scott's Spring Cleanup: Clean Where You Live on

Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Throughout the day on Saturday, April 24, residents are urged to participate in the Mayor's Spring Cleanup by putting on a mask and picking up a broom to clean up litter around their properties,

alleyways, and curbsides.

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the Mayor's Spring Cleanup activities and services are modified. No bulk trash items will be collected and no roll-off dumpsters provided.

## President's Notes

Greetings and Blessings to our Greater Mondawmin friends, family, and business members.

As a member of the Greater Mondawmin community, we supported the most recent COVID Vaccine event held at New Shiloh Baptist Church. We hope that you were able to attend. As you are aware we are still in the mist of the Pandemic and there are opportunities to register. Some locations are:

University of Maryland: (443) 462-5511; (443) 462-5864 or Visit: [www.umms.org/bccvaccine](http://www.umms.org/bccvaccine)

Baltimore City: <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information> and also (410) 396-2275. Coppin Heights is also accepting calls and making appointments Call: (443) 759-5803

**BCPSS TOWN HALL:** We hope that you were available to set in on our recent Zoom event with the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools Dr. Sonja Santalises. As you are aware schools are reopening and as a parent our objective was to give you an opportunity to reach out, ask questions and offer solutions that are of value to your children. Questions were asked regarding the health and safety precautions being taken for the students and the staff. We were informed that all of the staff would be vaccinated prior to opening and some of the schools are operation on a hybrid schedule. We wanted to know what will Dr. Santalises, assured us that precautions are being taken.

**Baltimore City States Attorney, Marlyn Mosby**, was our special guest on March 24<sup>th</sup>. States Attorney Mosby informed us of the SAO 2020 Annual Report of steps taken and those upcoming. Some upcoming initiatives include *Supporting and Protecting Victims and Witness of Crime*, *Making our Streets Safer* and the *YouthWorks program of the Junior States Attorney program*, which began 2015. This and other initiatives executed through the SAO "mission of safe guarding communities in Baltimore City through effective prosecution of crime".



**2600 Gwynns Falls Parkway, Checkers Drive Through restaurant** came before the Zoning board again, Tuesday, March 23 for reconsideration. This has been an ongoing issue in regard to the opposition to the Checkers drive thru restaurant. The March 23<sup>rd</sup> hearing was a denial of the community request that additional information was not presented for consideration. The organizations supporting the initiative is the Parkway Community Association, Panway Neighborhood Improvement Association, The Historic Hanlon Improvement Association, Garwyn Oaks United Neighbors Association, Auchentoroly Terrace, Whittier-Monroe Community Neighborhood Association and the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council, Inc., and Councilman James Torrence. All met virtually with the Baltimore Zoning Municipal Appeals Commission to request a reconsideration hearing on docket# 2020-133; however, the reconsideration was denied. The group has requested a meeting with Mayor Scott; however, to date no response. The Baltimore Brew, has been following this project.

Please stay tuned for more community news.

Peace & Blessings,

A. Hutchinson, President



## GMCC Neighborhood Associations

**Fulton Heights Community Association**  
Rev. Keith Bailey, President 443-500-2149

**Liberty Square Community Organization**  
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**Mondawmin Neighborhood Improvement Association (MNIA)**  
Sandra Almond-Cooper, President, 410-383-0096

**New Auchentoroly Terrace Association (NATA)**  
Graham Coreil-Allen. President, (443) 827-8806

**Panway Neighborhood Improvement Association**  
Wanda Freeland, President, 443-801-8312

**Parkway Community**  
James "Mel" Brooks, President, 443-858-8359

**Robert W. Coleman Community Organization (RWCCO)**  
Adeline Hutchinson, President, 410-669-0063

**Whittier-Monroe Community Neighborhood Association**  
Jacqueline Caldwell, President, 410-728-2046

### Churches

**Greater New Hope Baptist Church**  
Dr. Linwood Robinson, Pastor, 410-225-0003

**Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church**  
Dr. Franklin Lance, Pastor, 410-669-1800

**New Shiloh Baptist Church**  
Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr., Pastor, 410-523-5306

**Baltimore City Community College**  
Dawn Kirstaetter, Vice President, 410-462-7432

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Chief Executive Officer, 410-362-3000

**Center for Urban Families**  
Joseph T. Jones, Jr., Founder, President & CEO 410-367-5691

**Coppin State University**  
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**Mondawmin Mall**  
Romaine Smallwood-Faison, General Manager 410-523-1534

**Parks & People Foundation**  
Dr. Frank Lance, President & CEO, 410-448-5663

**Community-at-Large Members**  
Mario Chang  
Daniel Hindman, 443-915-2370

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Office Coordinator– John Kwamya

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May 2021 issue is Thurs, APRIL 22, 2021, at 11 : 59 p .m. Absolutely no submissions will be accepted after the deadline .

Please submit articles , pictures , announcements , notices , etc., via email to [office@greatermondawmin.org](mailto:office@greatermondawmin.org)

## Covid Funeral Assistance

The devastation of Covid has introduced additional costs to households in addition to the grief of losing a loved one. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.



**Mall Hours:**  
**Mon—Thurs**  
 11am – 7pm  
**Fri. & Sat**  
 11am – 8pm  
**Sun.**  
 12pm – 6pm



Shoppers who are 17 or younger must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older on public city school days before 6:00 PM.

From additional hand sanitizer to increased cleaning and social distancing practices, we're making it easier for you to feel comfortable. When you're ready, welcome back and make yourself at home

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### Do I qualify?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

### How to Apply

#### COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Number

Applications begin on **April 12, 2021**  
 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

**Hours of Operation:**  
 Monday - Friday  
 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

Get answers to frequently asked questions about the application process on our [Funeral Assistance FAQ page](#).

### How Funds are Received

If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending

## CHCDC Wins Best in BBJ Best in Real Estate Award For HOA.

### Hebrew Asylum Re-opens

Coppin Heights Community Development were proud to receive Baltimore Business Journal's Best in Real Estate Award for Best historic rehab in the City. CHCDC accepted the award for their project renovating the Hebrew Orphan Asylum at 2700 Raynor Ave. The once orphanage was built in 1923 and served as a hospital until 1989.



For 30 years the building has been vacant and degrading. The efforts of CHCDC are not trivial. The building has been certified by the Global Climate Institute as a LEED Gold Standard building.

With the renovation of this building a new health center will be available to the community and its residents. Baltimore City Health Depart has execut-

ed a 15-year master lease for the building with Behavioral Health systems Baltimore signing on as a sub-tenant. They will offer stabilization services in an effort to keep people with substance abuse issues out of the emergency rooms.

According to the CHCDC website: The Center will

provide medical and social services such as: medical screening and examination upon arrival, basic first

aid, and 30-day case management. Facilitating connections to ongoing substance use disorder treatment and related services will be an essential element of the Stabilization Center, thus broadening the mission of the Center from solely sobering to longer-term stabilization and recovery

CHCDC continues its transformation of West Baltimore with projects at Walbrook Mill, Parkway Overlook, Midtown at Coppin Heights and West North Ave.

## New Auchentoroly Terrace Association Agenda

ATA's monthly meeting was held via Zoom video conference call on Thursday March 11th, 2020. Graham Coreil-Allen, NATA's new President, opened the meeting and Regeino Smith led the residents in



a community prayer to start the meeting. The minutes from the December 10th 2020 meeting were read by Anne Goncalves, secretary, and approved as read. President Graham Coreil Allen welcomed members and began the meeting.

### Agenda:

NATA's newly elected 7th District Councilman, James Torrence gave residents updates about public safety in our neighborhood and the 7th District. Violence and crime is on the rise unfortunately but the mayor's office is initiating a pilot program that is aimed to help reduce violence. Mr. Torrence has been making efforts with the Department of Housing and DPW in order to combat illegal dumping. Councilman Torrence's office has been involved in various clean up efforts and listening tours. Please sign up for the councilman's newsletter at jamesotrence.com, and go to updates. Or email james.torrece@baltimorecity.gov. Reginald Williams, community liaison from the State's Attorney Office spoke to residents about his comprehensive group violence reduction initiatives. The primary objective of his position is to make our community safer by building partnerships in the community between relevant groups, such as residents and law enforcement. For example: as a result of community discussions about information dispersal from the BPD's Western District to the community- a weekly update

from the sergeant directly to the community has been implemented. Mr. Williams thanked residents for their continued patience and perseverance dealing with the causes of crime in our community. He takes the info we give him and tries to create the best approach for the issues and asks for our continued support in his efforts to create the best possible solutions for our community. The State's Attorney will be at the Western District Commander's Community Safety Meeting March 16th Tuesday at 7 PM.

Kejuana Walton, Consumer Education & Advocate from the Maryland Insurance Administration shared information with residents about the Maryland Insurance Administration. Their organization does not sell insurance policies but is part of the state insurance inspection agency which regulates insurance companies, making sure they are able to pay claims and are compliant with laws and guidelines. Ms. Walton gave advice on shopping for home, auto, and life insurance and recommended residents may want to use the insurance comparison guide on the administration's website.

Additionally, if you have problems with your insurance company you can file a complaint with their office- this includes if you have been denied, terminated, delayed payment or experienced raises in insurance premiums without proper notice. Please reach out to gather more information [www.insurance.maryland.gov](http://www.insurance.maryland.gov) or 800-492-6116

Graham Coreil-Allen, Druid Hill Canopy Crosswalk thanked Neighborhood Housing Services for the grant to support the Druid Hill Canopy Crosswalk - an outcropping of many years of Graham's projects that aim to illuminate the need for pedestrian safety by creating an artistic leaf-themed crosswalk at one of the major intersections between our neighborhood and the park. Graham is inviting all to share their favorite leaves in Druid Hill Park and the surrounding areas that will inform the artwork used to create the project. Please visit <https://tapdruidhill.org/canopycrosswal>

k to find out more information on getting involved!

### Save the Date & Good News Gallery :

Residents acknowledged community member Alison Velez Lane for honoring Kailen Washington who was struck during the recent shooting. Ms. Velez Lane learned that Kailen is an artist and provided art supplies for her.

Saturday March 20th was NATA's first official community cleanup of the year. Many thanks to all who attended and helped beautify our neighborhood! The Department of Public Works provided a dumpster for the cleanup and for community use. After the cleanup residents had a Meet & Greet with the Western District police officers who patrol our neighborhood. We appreciate the Western District officers for joining us and working to serve our community. Many thanks to Reverend Olivia Moyd Hazell and Felipe Goncalves for providing food for the event!

Trash pickup is Friday. Recycling is Tuesday. Please use municipal trash cans! DO NOT put trash bags/bulk items on corners or in alleys.

Annual dues are \$10 per person. Please pay your dues

Our next meeting will be a Zoom video conference on Thursday, April 8th 2021. Please look out in your email for a link to participate. If you need assistance getting set up please respond to the email.

Special Note: We are STILL in the fight against Covid-19 together! Please wash hands often, wear masks, and practice safe distance procedures! Take care of yourself and check on your neighbors!



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## HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN

For homes located within a "Healthy Neighborhood."

- Minimum loan amount is \$5000. Maximum loan amount is \$20,000. Maximum aggregate loan amount secured by the property shall not exceed 105% of after-renovation value, as established by an appraisal.
- Homeowners will make improvements to the property, including visible exterior improvements
- The free services of an architect are available to help homeowners plan improvements and to review contractors' proposals.
- No owner financial investment is required. **All recipients of a HN Loan maybe eligible to receive a \$10,000 matching rehab grant (income limits apply)**
- Construction terms will be six or 12 months. The maximum permanent term will be 10 years.
- The loan interest rate during rehab will be fixed on the date of application until home renovations and the construction term are complete, at which time the loan must be refinanced to permanent status at the current program loan rate.
- Borrowers will be underwritten and approved by M&T Bank. Borrowers' must meet Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac standard underwriting guidelines.
- Permanent interest rate will be Prime minus 1%, but in no event less than 4% .



### Eligibility Requirements:

**The borrower must be the owner-occupant of the property.**

**The borrower may not own any other properties, including investment properties, at time of settlement**

**Housing expenses should not exceed 30% of the buyer's income and total debt should not exceed 40% of buyer's income**

**Borrower must have a minimum 700 credit score**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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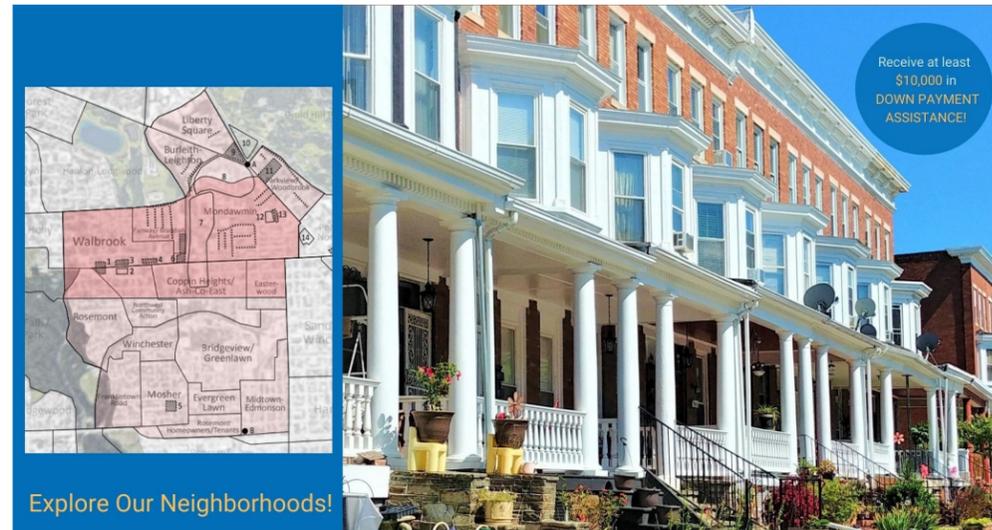
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- Coppin Heights (Ash-Co East)

**Questions? Contact Us!**

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Just steps away from Coppin State University and Baltimore City Community College, these neighborhoods also tout some of the best public schools in the city.

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**Financial Coaching**  
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- Fix your credit
- Qualify for a loan
- Purchase a home, and gain financial stability

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**Borrowers must:**

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- Property must be owner-occupied

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## Parkway Neighborhood Association Agenda Notes

The Parkway Community Association GMCC Board Meeting March 24, 2021 - 6 PM March Report Cleanup - Dumpster Fairview Ave 9-1 PM April 17 and June 12 Rat Rubout Eradication Program Neighbors in the 3100 block Leighton Ave. and 3000 block of Tioga Parkway are seeing rats. The Eradication program came out, looked at 127 properties, did not see burrows. Can only place poison in burrows created by rats. Will continue to monitor rat sightings. Follow up to August/Sept report Healthy Neighborhood Project - 2500 block W. Forest Park (13 homes ) Planting flowers around posts will complete project. Done. August 11th Walk through with Forestry. Two dead trees have been cut down. Pruning of trees on the three medians placed in que. Will follow up. Want trees pruned by fall 2021, at the latest. GMCC president participated in walk through. Also, negotiating to help Parkway replace one of its community signages both destroyed by many years of inclement weather . Hopefully, sign can be installed spring/summer 2021. August 18th Notice posted on lot at 2600 Gwynns Falls Parkway for BMZA 2020-133 , C2 conditional use. Restaurant with drive-through. Rescheduled BMZA hearing from Sept. 8th to Jan. 26th per owner. The Board approved "drive through" with conditions. The case was referred to the Site Plan Review Committee, DOT, DOP. According to the Codes, the Committee and departments are required to submit their evaluations in writing to the Board. At some point there will be a final decision from the Board. A lot has happened since then. On March 23rd, the Board deliberated on letter (Bell, Pennick, Hughes) submitted for reconsideration. Board found the letter did not address anything new

concerning the conditional use of drive through that is not already being addressed, e.g., is traffic, safety, etc. Note: Basically the Board would not hear anything not related to subject... nothing on restaurant, racism. Hughes sent an email last evening of her disappointment. Utility pole, 2600 Gwynns Falls. The towers placed by Verizon not Comcast. A new 25 mile an hour sign / school zone was posted to pole. Parkway happy to see as camera located before elementary school revealed 31,467 speeding citations issued between Jan. 1, 2019 - Aug. 24, 2020. September 8th Called 311 Call Center. Two SR's for 3108 Tioga Parkway. No occupants living in dwelling since fire a couple years ago. Neighbors complained of odor from house akin to mold. Although the City boarded the property, difficult to get Health Department or Housing Code Enforcement to investigate odor, which one neighbor reportedly says makes her ill. Since the owner is deceased, Housing has referred problem to the city's Law Dept. The second SR is for water running off lawn, probably a water main break. The city did come out on 9/9, determined water coming from city side of water main break. Repaired. September 11th and 12th Speed humps replaced following BG&E repairs to street, a result of new gas lines installed in Fall 2019. Fire in a garage behind 3200 block Tioga on the 12th. Fire Dept. involved. Need an address to take further action with Code Enforcement.



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