

**Council Bill 42-2015**

Julia McCready [divajackson@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:45 AM

To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

To the County Council and the County Executive,

In reference to CB 42-2015, I respectfully submit my blog post of October 15th. (See below.) As you can see, I feel pretty strongly about this.

I'd like to add that, if there is a way for the County to direct this process and assure that Msrs. McCormack, Verchinski, and Ms. Thomas are **in no way** assigned to leadership roles, that I might feel differently. I want only the best for Oakland Mills. At this point principled leadership would be worth more than money.

Sincerely,

Julia A. McCready  
5745 Thunder Hill Road  
Columbia, MD. 21046

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#### No Rewards for Bad Behavior

It looks like there's going to be a **surplus** in the Howard County Budget and the leadership of the Oakland Mills Village Board wants some of it. \$50,000.00, to be exact. Yes, the very same people who:

- recently held a secret meeting with Tom Carbo without informing the rest of the board
- released a negative story to the press about the state of Oakland Mills housing stock without informing the rest of the board
- tried to sell all of Howard County on a state-of-the-art sports complex so that they could displace less fortunate Oakland Mills residents

Yes, **those** people. They want \$50,000.00 to pursue their plans for "re-inventing Oakland Mills."

Don't give it to them.

The idea that one extra cent of Howard County tax money should be extended to such poor stewards of our community's resources galls me, today in particular. Today is our Covenant Advisor's last day. Why? Well, after months and months, no, several years of rudeness, systematic interference, veiled threats, and outright bullying from these people, she has resigned. Our village is losing a dedicated and extremely competent member of Village Staff, who has given fourteen years to Oakland Mills, because of them.

Please, please don't reward this behavior. Please tell me that we don't give awards for bad

behavior in Howard County.

To Mr. Kittleman and the County Council, I ask that you give this money to a group which has shown proven leadership in the truest sense: good stewardship, transparency in operations, respect to community members. I know you will do your best to chose wisely.

I love Oakland Mills and I believe in Oakland Mills. If anyone is thinking about giving out extra money I would suggest it be spent on feeding hungry children and their families, helping struggling homeowners repair their homes, and, if there's anything left over, training for OMCA board leadership on civil and professional behavior. They need it.

Village Green/Town<sup>2</sup>

**Please pass CB42-2015**

Margie Holly [margie.holly@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:28 AM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan; Ginny Thomas [Cgthomas65@verizon.net]; William.R.McCormack@verzion.net

To: Howard County Council

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Over the years Oakland Mills has had its challenges, especially in the face of the economic downturn of the past, but its spirit remains strong. I believe if this neighborhood is to continue to thrive and attract vibrant families and individuals that contribute to the exciting fabric of its culture, we need to continue the momentum started by our Board, to redevelop and reinvent the Village to serve this and future generations.

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6162 Clearsmoke Ct.  
Columbia, MD 21045

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Lodewijk Jones [mbarbersandstylist@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:34 AM

**To:** CouncilMail

ALCON,

We would like the bill passed for CB42-2015 for Oakland Mills.

Thanks

Lodewijk Jones

**CB42-2015 -please pass**

Jim Alvey [jimalv21045@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:59 AM

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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you,

Jim Alvey  
5489 Bright Hawk Ct.  
Columbia, MD 21045  
410-964-3534  
[jimalv21045@gmail.com](mailto:jimalv21045@gmail.com)

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**h.tepe@verizon.net**

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 11:45 AM

**To:** CouncilMail

Please pass bill 42-2015. As a 21 year resident of Oakland Mills, I believe it is critical for our village.  
Heather Tepe



**passage of Council Bill 42-2015**

Joan Aron [joanaron@ymail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:04 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

To: Howard County Council

From: Joan L. Aron

Subject: Passage of Council Bill 42-2015

Date: October 29, 2015

As a long-time resident of Oakland Mills, I urge the Council to pass Council Bill 42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills. This study is the next step in the implementation of the Village Center Community Plan. Other sources have also committed funds to this study. It is important for the future of Oakland Mills.

Thank you.

cc: Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive

## Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Julia Kisa [jimoimaragoli@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:40 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a realistic attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you,  
Ameer and Julia Shakeer  
5967 Camelback LN  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Oakland Mills Village Center

Frankwrussell [frankwrussell@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:42 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

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Frank W Russell  
6166 Stevens Forest Road  
Columbia Maryland 21045  
410-978-5753

**Please pass CB42-2015**

Kevin Inghram [kevinxb@outlook.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:45 PM

**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

Hello,

My name is Kevin Inghram and I am a Columbia resident living near the Oakland Mills area. I am writing to request you pass CB42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills at your Council session on Monday, November 2nd.

It is incredibly disheartening to drive through the village to its current state. Trash is strewn about streets near the village center and stagnation is taking hold. I am hopeful this funding will help implement a master plan to improve and revitalize the village.

It is critical to have CB42-2015 with the \$50,000 for Oakland Mills passed on November 2nd. Please do the right thing to help Oakland Mills.

Thank you,  
Kevin Inghram  
(410) 948-5455

## **Vote for the Oakland Mills Feasibility Study**

Christina Williamson [cwilliamson@connectionseducation.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:45 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

As a 6-year resident of Oakland Mills and a marketing executive with more than 15 years of experience, I want to highly recommend that you vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. The OM solution needs to be realistic – one that will truly help the community. I spent seven years in the hospitality industry and I can ensure you that before hotel projects begin, we highly recommended feasibility studies to ensure that the location was a good fit with the proposed project. Research like feasibility studies helps organizations make good decisions and avoid costly investments.

Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. A professional feasibility study will help us select the best way forward. Some homework now will save us from a very costly mistake. A Feasibility Study will empower the whole community to make an informed decision, including the effect on jobs, traffic, and nearby housing. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you.

Christina Goldie Williamson  
Senior Director, Marketing Communications  
Connections Education  
Office: 443-873-1812  
Cell: 901-550-5915

## Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Shoosty [shoosty@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:49 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a **realistic** attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. We now need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Regards,

Asad Shoosty  
5950 Camelback Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045  
443-254-2686

**CB42-2015**

BARBARA Stewart [bmstewart13@msn.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:59 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

Dear Gentlepersons:

As a longtime resident of Stevens Forest, Oakland Mills, I am writing to urge the County Council to pass CB42-2015 on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The feasibility study is an important next step in the implementation of the Village Center Community Plan which is crucial for the future redevelopment of the Village of Oakland Mills.

Sincerely,

Barbara M. Stewart

9567 Landbreeze Row

Columbia, Maryland 21045

## **Feasibility Study**

Froydis Beckerman [froydis@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:02 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to ask you to support the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. It is very important that you support this study so that we have all the data we need to select a realistic attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included and includes some very promising possibilities. The Columbia Association has already come up with \$25,000 and County Executive Kittleman proposed \$50,000 for a Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. It is time to make Oakland Mills a more attractive Village than it currently is and we need your help.

Thank you very much for allowing this Study to go forward.

Sincerely,

Froydis H. Beckerman  
Thunder Hill in Oakland Mills.



## **Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills**

Kathryn Knight [kathryn\_griffin@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:02 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please help us revitalize the Oakland Mills Village Center. As a resident (tax payer and public school parent), we really need to revitalize Oakland Mills and bring in more residents. The Columbia Associate has already agreed to \$25K and we need another \$50K from the county.

This study will provide additional data to us so that we can select an attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

We are desperate to improve the Village Center and get more traffic and income into the area.

Thank you for your help!

Kathryn Knight

## **Feasibility Study**

Alicia Malinowski [amalinowski@modelhomeinteriors.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:12 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Hello Council- I have already written regarding a Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills, but I understand that the funds may not be available. Our community greatly needs some "luring" qualities to get it going again. I have lived in this community from Kindergarten through High School, and I am now raising a family here. I have seen the "up's and down's" of the area, and this is a different trend. If something does not happen soon, this community is going to suffer, and not be able to rebound. Please reconsider. My family thanks you in advance.  
Alicia Malinowski

**Oakland mills**

loishuffman@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:53 PM**To:** CouncilMail

I am writing as a concerned citizen , urging the passage of CB42-2015. I am new to Columbia and when I moved here this summer I used the bus for transportation. I am familiar with the red, yellow, E, brown, silver, green, and orange route. My son helped me to purchase a home in Oakland Mills, and I now have a car. I share the bus experience because it allowed me to visit all the different villages in Columbia. Oakland Mills is the most out dated and even "run down" if you will. The plan to improve the village would do much to improve the services of the village center.

Thanks

Lois Huffman  
9382 Torrent Row  
720-210-8829

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## **Oakland Mills Village Center**

ShirleyConnelly [shirleyconnelly@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:25 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

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Shirley and Roger Connelly  
5967 Rosinante Run  
21045

**Council Bill 42-2015**

Valerie Barr [valeriekbarr@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:38 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

Good afternoon,

My family and I are residents of Oakland Mills, specifically in the Stevens Forest Neighborhood. We have lived here for over six years with our three children. We are invested in our neighborhood and community, and strongly care about the reinvention of Oakland Mills. Please strongly consider passing the CB42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills.

Thank you for your time,

Valerie Barr

-resident of Oakland Mills

**Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed**

Mona Curran [mona1curran@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:45 PM

**To:** CouncilMail; akittlemean@howardcountymd.gov

**Cc:** manager@oaklandmills.org

Hello,

My name is Mona Curran and I am a resident of Oakland Mills. I am asking that you vote to pass the Council Bill 42-2015, as a next step to the revitalization/invention of our community.

A commitment to funding the Feasibility Study will go a long way in helping us provide some much needed energy to Oakland Mills.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mona Curran  
9426 Mellenbrook Road  
Thunder Hill

**Urgent: Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed**

Erin Lloyd Hromada [elloyd76@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 3:31 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

Please conduct the feasibility study. It is cheaper to study something and make a wise decision then to make a poor decision and regret it. Sometimes the cost to repair is even greater.

Sincerely,

Erin Hromada  
Thunder Hill Resident

9414 Mellenbrook Road

**support for \$50,000 for study**

Ginny Thomas [cgthomas65@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 3:55 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

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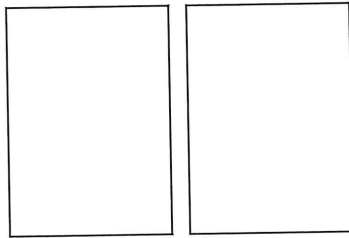
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:44 PM  
**To:** [manager@oaklandmills.org](mailto:manager@oaklandmills.org)  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Done

Frank W Russell  
410-978-5753

On Oct 29, 2015, at 9:48 AM, Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack Jr. <[manager@oaklandmills.org](mailto:manager@oaklandmills.org)> wrote:

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**A Message From  
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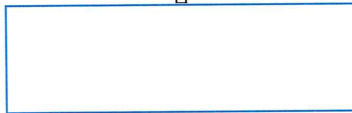


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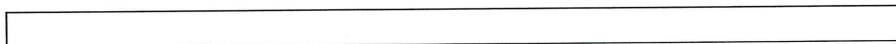
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Ginny and Bill

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**For feasibility study for Oakland Mills Village**

MEL QUECAN [MEL.QUECAN@Inf.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 4:05 PM

To: CouncilMail

Howard County Council,

Please vote for the FEASIBILITY STUDY for Oakland Mills!

Thanks and have a great day, Mel



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Feldmark, Jessica

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 4:28 PM

**To:** Sayers, Margery; Habicht, Kelli

For legislative file...

Jessica Feldmark  
Administrator  
Howard County Council  
410-313-3111  
jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:54 AM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Fox, Greg; Terrasa, Jen  
**Cc:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Colleagues,

Just in case you aren't on the OM distribution list.

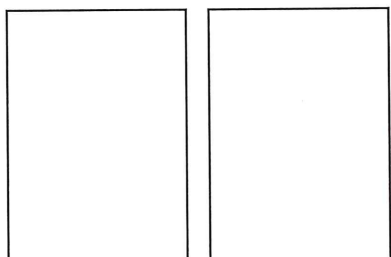
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Mary Kay Sigaty  
Howard County Council  
District 4  
410-313-2001

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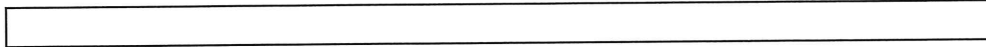
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## **Oakland Mills Feasibility study funding**

Mike Clark [clarkmj1@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 5:22 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

To Howard County Council members:

We would hope that the County Council would support Oakland Mills village board's efforts to request funding for a feasibility study to consider public development initiatives that will renew our village center.

Mike and Lois Clark  
6012 Jamina Downs  
Columbia, MD 21045

**Vote now for feasibility study**

Kathryn Schatz [jrschat@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 5:35 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

I'm a 35 year resident. I have followed this proposition for nearly a year. Please vote for our hard earned diligence to finally improved my beloved village. It's imperative to approve this feasibility study to get a clear cut vision. It's the best way to spend our money. Any other use would be a travesty to OM residents. I implore you not to delay your vote. No more time or inquiries are necessary. We have all been careful & pragmatic with every detail so I implore you to vote YES!! Thanks!!

Sent from my iPhone

**re: Feasibility Study of the Sports Project**

Alison Wilson [alisontwilson@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 5:42 PM

**To:** CouncilMail; cgthomas65@verizon.net

To the County Council:

As a citizen of Columbia, I hope that the money that was budgeted for the feasibility study of the sports project successfully goes towards that study.

I am in favor of getting a 50 meter pool in howard county in hopes that the county would then be able to have high school swimming. As it stands, howard county is one of the only counties without high school swimming in the Central Maryland region. I think this is sad given the amount of young swimmers in the county.

Alison Wilson  
Columbia, MD 21046



## **Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills**

Janice Santiago [janice.santiago22@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 6:40 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Honorable Council Members,

My husband and I have lived in Oakland Mills for four years now and we fell in love with this area as soon as we laid eyes on it. We have wonderful neighbors who are like family and want to help our community continue to grow and to thrive.

I believe there is a Feasibility Study coming up for a vote and my husband and I would like to ask that you vote yes for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills. We ask this of you so that we may have access to as much data as we need in order to select a realistic business attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to our request. We feel this is very important to continued growth and development of our community.

V/r,

Janice and Hector Santiago

9313 Kilimanjaro Rd

Columbia, MD

410.997.2436

## **Oakland Mills Redevelopment**

Dave Lampel [dave.lampel@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 6:55 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a **realistic** attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank you,

David Lampel

## **Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills**

EvelynTanner@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 7:47 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council Members, I support the feasibility Study for Oakland Mills Village so that we can select a realistic attraction for our village. A feasibility study is imperative in order for Oakland Mills Village to choose the best option for new attractions to this village. Thank You for your attention to this issue

## Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

Jessie [jessiewumd@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 8:44 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a **realistic** attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Jessie Wu

Sent from my iPad

**Please pass CB42-2015**

Justin Fair [jorlandofair@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:30 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

Councilmembers,

Please pass CB42-2015 in order to fund a feasibility study for the Oakland Mills Village Center. My fiance and I chose Oakland Mills because of its convenient proximity to the Town Center, bike path connecting to Lake Kittamaqundi, and it's arts-centric programming. As a budding urban planner myself, I know how fundamental and important a village center like Oakland Mills can be if its character and funding structure can be fully utilized. I also know how dull it can be if not properly funded. It is uniquely capable due to its proximity to the Town Center and its surrounding charismatic housing stock to grow and to continue to be an enjoyable community for apartment dwellers like myself looking to create a foot-hold in starting a home in the area. Please consider funding this next step of the village center's growth.

Sincerely,

Justin Fair  
5764 Stevens Forest Road, Apt 315  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills

dwmonbrr@comcast.net

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:45 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear County Council members,

Please vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so we have all the data we need to select a **realistic** attraction that will make our Village Center a destination. Our Village Center Plan identifies the precise area to be included, and notes some very promising possibilities. Now we need a professional Feasibility Study so our community can choose the best option. Please help us move quickly on this.

Thank-you,  
Diana Mosley  
Holly Court

**Feasibility study for Oakland Mills.**

joytombuck@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:17 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Sirs (and Ms's),

Please do not delay vote on a feasibility study for Oakland Mills re-development. We need to go ahead with action to attract new business and make Oakland Mill a more attractive destination for investment.

Tom and Joy Buckingham  
45 Briarwood Drive  
Columbia

**Please support bill CB42-2015**

[harringtonpr@netscape.net](mailto:harringtonpr@netscape.net)

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:25 PM

**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan

Distinguished Howard County Council Members and County Executive Kittleman:

We are writing to urge you to support bill CB42-2015 providing funding for a feasibility study to help guide the redevelopment of Oakland Mills in Columbia. Our young family moved from North Carolina to Oakland Mills in 2008. We love living here, our children attend the public schools here, and we are active members of our community. However, we are concerned about the future of Oakland Mills, and as you are well aware our neighborhood has some major challenges.

Since moving to Oakland Mills an amazing amount of activity and discussion has been happening regarding the direction of our neighborhood. A number of intriguing ideas have been floated from village board members and other residents to help determine the future of Oakland Mills, but where we go from here is unknown.

Now is the time to get some expert advice on how to move forward in Oakland Mills. Please vote yes for CB42-2015.

Sincerely,  
Pat and Daphne Harrington  
Oakland Mills residents



**CB42-2015**

Alex Patico [alexpatico@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:45 PM

**To:** Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail

Dear Friends,

Please do what you can to fund CB42-2015. It can be the beginning of a long-overdue improvement in the Village of Oakland Mills.

Sincerely,

Alexander Patico - sent from my iPad

**Re: Oakland Mills Grant/ Feasibility Study**

john.ditomasso@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 9:31 AM

To: RoseMarie Meservey [rmmeserv@gmail.com]

Cc: CouncilMail

Great letter! I hope the members of the Council are listening. Certainly the members of our community are demonstrating their willingness to work for revitalization. Some of our retired Village Board members put in 40 work weeks for us. Through OMIA, I'm getting copied on lots of letters that are being sent. We have some real momentum going right now

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 30, 2015, at 9:04 AM, RoseMarie Meservey <rmmeserv@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Greetings Council Members,

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> In response to today's Columbia Flier article by Amanda Yeager I'm writing to ask for your prompt vote for the Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills so that the village has all of the data needed to select a realistic attraction that will make our village center a destination. Our Village Board has been working hard and the proposed study will address precise areas to be included and some very promising possibilities identified in the Village Center Plan. A professional feasibility study is needed now so that our community can make the best selection. A stronger Oakland Mills community means a more prosperous Columbia and a more prosperous Howard County. Can we count on your support?

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> Sincerely,

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> RoseMarie Meservey

> Ronald Meservey

## Support for CB42-2015

jferry2@gmail.com on behalf of James Ferry [james@jamesferry.com]

**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 10:45 AM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

I support Council Bill 42-2015 to help fund the feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills. My wife and I moved to Oakland Mills in 1972 and still live in Thunder Hill. I operated my photography studio in Oakland Mills Village Center for 20 years, from 1973 until 1993. It is sad to see the state that the Village Center is currently in. I know there have been previous attempts to revive the center, but I believe a larger comprehensive plan needs to be developed.

Please support CB42-2015.

Thank you,  
James

James Ferry Photography  
9693 Gerwig Lane, Suite T  
Columbia, MD 21046

410-730-5981  
By appointment only.  
[www.jamesferry.com](http://www.jamesferry.com)

**Council Bill 42-2015 Oakland Mills feasibility study**

Charlie Bailey [cbailey@mahanrykiel.com]

**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 1:20 PM**To:** CouncilMail**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan

Good afternoon County Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed feasibility study in Council Bill 42-2015. I live in Oakland Mills and am employed as an urban designer/land planner. One reservation I have is the concept of the Oakland Mills Village Center (OMVC) as a regional recreation destination. In my opinion and professional experience the recreational components articulated by the Village Board in the VCCP are an inappropriate use and scale for a residential village center. These uses are associated with large footprint building envelopes that are usually blank facades that do not contribute to the walkable streetscape environment one would envision at the heart of a residential community. They require large parking resources, much larger than what currently exists at the OMVC. Large parking lots are also not conducive to a walkable community center. When these lots become filled for events such as tournaments, parking then spills into the surrounding residential areas. The larger numbers of regional users of these facilities will arrive by Thunderhill Road and Steven Forest Road which are both lined with residential driveways. This is another reason why these types of facilities are generally located off of larger arterial streets to not draw traffic onto residential streets. Lastly, The Oakland Mills community is already, and will continue to, deal with a large regional recreation use in its back yard in Blandair Park. It does not seem equitable to locate another such use right in the community's center.

I have shared these concerns with Village Board members directly but found them to be unreceptive. I would encourage the County, should they move forward with the study, to consider a different approach to revitalization in Oakland Mills.

Thank you.

**Charlie Bailey, PLA, ASLA**

Principal

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**From:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 3:16 PM  
**To:** Respass, Charity; Hightower, Rozonna; Hammond, Patricia; Habicht, Kelli; Harold, Lisa; Scott, Stephanie; Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: DPZ's response to County Council work session on Village of Oakland Mills Study  
**Attachments:** Memo to Council Oakland Mills Study 102915.pdf

For CB42-2015 legislative binders, file and website...

Thanks!

Jessica Feldmark  
Administrator  
Howard County Council  
410-313-3111  
[jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov)

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**From:** McLeod, Kate  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:33 PM  
**To:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Subject:** FW: DPZ's response to County Council work session on Village of Oakland Mills Study

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**From:** Boone, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:58 AM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay; Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Fox, Greg  
**Cc:** Clay, Mary; Smith, Gary; Pruum, Kimberly; McLeod, Kate; Knight, Karen; Lazdins, Valdis; Wilson, B Diane  
**Subject:** RE: DPZ's response to County Council work session on Village of Oakland Mills Study

Sorry, now with the attachment.

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**From:** Boone, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:45 AM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay; Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Fox, Greg  
**Cc:** Clay, Mary; Smith, Gary; Pruum, Kimberly; McLeod, Kate; Knight, Karen; Lazdins, Valdis; Wilson, B Diane  
**Subject:** DPZ's response to County Council work session on Village of Oakland Mills Study

Councilmembers:

Please see the attached memo from Val to address questions from the worksession held on October 26, 2015 regarding the Village of Oakland Mills Study.

Thank you,

*Laura Boone*

Department of Planning and Zoning  
Howard County Government  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

410-313-4303



# Howard County

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## Internal Memorandum

**Subject:** *Response to County Council work session on Village of Oakland Mills Study*

**To:** *Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chairperson  
Jon Weinstein, Council Vice Chairperson  
Calvin Ball, Councilmember  
Jennifer Terrasa, Councilmember  
Greg Fox, Councilmember*

**From:** *W/Valdis Lazdins, Director  
Department of Planning and Zoning*

**Date:** *October 29, 2015*

This memo addresses the questions that were posed at the recent legislative work session held on October 26, 2015. They included more detail on the timing of the study, study boundaries, project scope, and community engagement.

In terms of timing, DPZ would draft a request for proposal (RFP) within 3-4 weeks and then send it out to potential consultants by the end of November. Timing could be influenced by our internal procurement requirements. Barring any such delays, proposals would be due by early January with interviews scheduled for mid to late January. Allowing another two weeks or so for contract discussions the project should begin by mid-February 2016 and be completed within a 4-6 month period – early to mid-summer.

The study boundaries would consist of a planning area (the neighborhoods surrounding the Village of Oakland Mills) and a study area (a more targeted area consisting of the commercial area and the adjacent uses). The scope of the study would focus on the targeted study area. Community engagement would be broad-based, but targeted in a fair and open way to maximize stakeholder involvement. Again, the public's role would have to be clearly articulated – we do not see this as a visioning process but rather a more disciplined approach to identify and test options for land uses in Oakland Mills that are feasible from a market perspective. Consequently, much of the effort will be to keep the public informed about the process, market opportunities and constraints, and catalytic projects that would help reinvigorate the village center and broader community.

I hope this memo addresses your concerns. Please let me know if you need additional information.

cc: B. Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff

## Habicht, Kelli

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**From:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 4:28 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery; Habicht, Kelli  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT ACTION NEEDED

For legislative file...

Jessica Feldmark  
Administrator  
Howard County Council  
410-313-3111  
jfeldmark@howardcountymd.gov

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:54 AM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Fox, Greg; Terrasa, Jen  
**Cc:** Feldmark, Jessica  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Colleagues,

Just in case you aren't on the OM distribution list.

Thanks.....MK

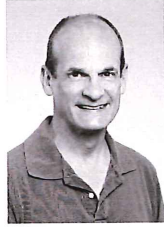
Mary Kay Sigaty  
Howard County Council  
District 4  
410-313-2001

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**Date:** October 29, 2015 at 9:48:34 AM EDT  
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**Subject:** URGENT ACTION NEEDED  
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**A Message From  
Oakland Mills Board Co-Chairs**

**URGENT ACTION NEEDED  
Your Help Is Needed Now**

**Virginia Thomas and Bill McCormack**

October 29, 2015

**Urgent: Council Bill 42-2015 must be passed.**

We need you as a resident who cares about the reinvention of Oakland Mills to email the County Council today urging them to pass CB42-2015 with \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Oakland Mills at its Council session on Monday, November 2nd. The Council email address is [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). Please copy the County Executive on the email. His address is [akittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:akittleman@howardcountymd.gov).

Currently our Councilman, Dr. Calvin Ball, has pledged his vote for the bill. We need the votes of at least two other Council members. We would prefer all five.

The Feasibility Study is the next step in the implementation of the Village Center Community Plan. The Columbia Association President and CEO, Milton Matthews, and the CA Board have committed \$25,000 in the current budget year for the feasibility study. The Oakland Mills Village Board has applied for a \$10,000 revitalization grant from CA for the feasibility study. With funding from all sources the feasibility study could be completed by next summer.

Therefore, it is critical to have CB42-2015 with the \$50,000 for Oakland Mills passed on November 2nd. Please take five minutes of your time now to help Oakland Mills for decades.

Thank you,  
Ginny and Bill

**Oakland Mills Board Co-Chairs**  
**Virginia M. Thomas, [Cgthomas65@verizon.net](mailto:Cgthomas65@verizon.net)**

William R. McCormack Jr., [William.R.McCormack@verzion.net](mailto:William.R.McCormack@verzion.net)



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Oakland Mills Community Assoc | 5851 Robert Oliver Place | Columbia | MD | 21045

**Oakland Mills**

dwmonbrr@comcast.net

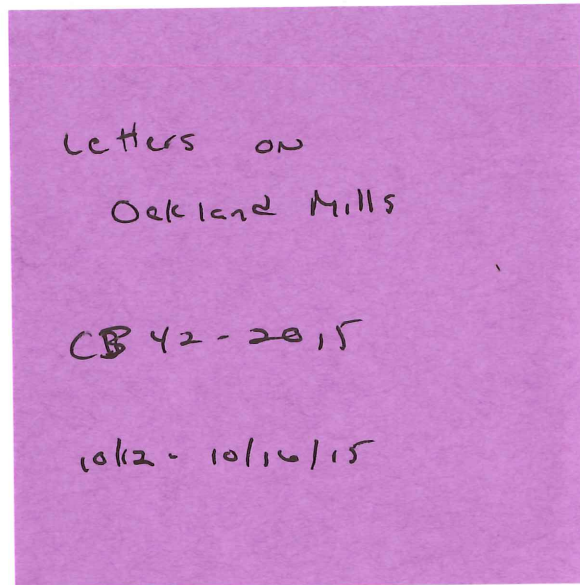
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 8:34 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear County Council members,

Please keep \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center.

Thank-you,  
Diana Mosley  
Holly Court resident



**funding...**

pelefish@mindspring.com

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 8:46 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Hello,

I am a resident of Oakland Mills Village. Please help us re-stimulate our village by approving the \$50K for a feasibility study to determine the best way to improve this venerable village.

Ann Worley

## **Oakland Mills improvement**

Pamela Gutman [pamela.gutman@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 8:56 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Hello,

I'm asking you to please keep the \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. My husband and I bought our first home here five years ago and have seen a steady decline in our village, and no longer feel safe in our Village Center. If this trend continues, we will have to move out of the area. I think this village could be great, especially with its close proximity to downtown, but it needs work and money.

Thank you,

Pamela

## Oakland Mills Village Center Reinvention

Chelle [chellerg@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 9:24 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

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> Dear Council Members,

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> As a resident, of the Thunder Hill neighborhood of Oakland Mills, We are very aware of the need to move forward with improving our Village Center and the surrounding area. Please support the proposed funding so that a study can be initiated to determine how best to maximize the appeal of our Village Center to attract developers of mid- and up-market housing.

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> Thank you,

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> Rochelle and Robert Ginsburg

> 5413 Spindrift Pl.

> Columbia

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> Sent from my iPad

**Oakland Mills revitalization**

Mike Clark [clarkmj1@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 9:30 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council members: We would appreciate your support of the bill approving a feasibility study of the best economic development initiative for Oakland Mills village center.

Thank you. Mike and Lois Clark 6012 Jamina Downs Columbia, MD 21045

clarkmj1@verizon.net 410-730-7624

## **Feasibility Study for Oakland Mills Redevelopment**

John Ditomasso [johndit@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 9:35 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council Members,

I know you will soon be voting on the budget for our County. I am writing to urge you to keep the \$50,000 in the budget for a feasibility study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. Our community and its Village Board are working hard to stop the downward spiral we have been experiencing. Involvement in our schools, covenant enforcement, police/community coordination, outreach to developers, County and Columbia Association cooperative efforts and grassroots committees to develop community enhancement ideas are all ongoing activities that are beginning to show progress. The County funding, plus a grant from the Columbia Association, will give us the professional advice we need to move forward in our Village plan for "Reinventing Oakland Mills". Please keep the momentum going by funding this feasibility study.

Sincerely,

John DiTomasso, President, Oakland Mills Improvement Association



**Budget**

ShirleyConnelly [shirleyconnelly@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 9:50 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

We respectfully ask you to please keep \$50,000.00 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center.

Shirley and Roger Connelly  
5967 Rosinante Run  
21045

## **Budget item for Oakland Mills redevelopment**

Bohac [rbbohac@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 10:05 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

Dear Council members,

As 40 year residents of Columbia (with 39 of those years spent in Oakland Mills!), we are excited at the possibility of seeing our village reclaim its place as a vibrant, economically strong part of the city. Over the years, we have watched as newer villages and newer schools attracted our neighbors and newcomers. Oakland Mills deserves better. We hope that you will vote to keep \$50,000 in the budget for a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the Oakland Mills Village Center. This redevelopment is critical to our future. Thank you for your consideration.

Beth and Ralph Bohac  
9451 Brett Lane