

## **OAKLAND MILLS LONGEVITY EXPLORERS CORNER**

**At the June meeting of the CA Senior Advisory Committee, we received updates on the following:**

- 1. Bain Center news: Renovations start in August there is a meeting JULY 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Bain Center to give details. It will remain open but some programs will be rearranged.**
- 2. Amazing news (get your calendar out) the Senior Expo is now 50+Master Aging and will held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Howard Community College. This will be bigger and better than ever with lots of parking.**
- 3. If you have not looked into the Village of Howard, do it now! There are 173 members and they are 173 members and they are traveling, lunching, playing bridge and more! I and my wife joined a few years back and recently went on a trip to the Tenement Museum in NYC. Meetings are held in the Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center in OM during the school year. Contact [4info@thevillageinhoward.org](mailto:4info@thevillageinhoward.org).**
- 4. There is an older adult plan from CA available on the CA website. It was adopted by the CA Board in 2015.**  
**<https://www.columbiaassociation.org/health-and-fitness/mature-adults/programs-mature-adults/helpful-resources-mature-adults/>**
- 5. CA offers Water Aerobics at the Swim Center in Wilde Lake for \$26 per month. Classes meet six times per week or go as little or as much as you want. Good for those with arthritis and other issues.**

**As many of you know, the Howard County Aging in Place Property Tax Credit (AIPC) is now in its second year. I submitted the required information in April and just got my property tax bill. The bottom of the bill showed the deduction for the AIPC. If you pay the CA annual assessment, you can also get a reduced CA assessment. (see #11 on the back of your bill from CA). I have submitted a copy of my Howard County Tax Bill and CA Assessment bill at the CA office. You can send a copy in to CA or bring it in and they will make a copy at the CA reception desk. Do not pay the CA bill if you have received a property tax credit since CA prefers not to have to issue rebate checks. CA will send you a revised bill and you have 30 days to pay the**

**revised bill. Apparently, CA uses some factor since I received a 20% reduction for the AIPC, but only a 13.5% reduction from CA. You need to apply every year to CA to get the reduction.**

**Just a reminder that Howard County has three property tax credits that help older adults to continue living in this high cost County. The AIPC, the Livable Homes Property Tax Credit - up to \$2500 annually (helps one to make changes to your house annually - a necessity since most homes are 2 story), and the 25% Senior Tax Credit (this credit is income dependent and can not be combined with the AIPC). All of these County credits will also reduce your CA assessment, but you need to apply.**