



# Oakland Mills Community Association

## Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Other Barn ~ 5851 Robert Oliver Place ~ Columbia, MD 21045

**Board Members:** Jonathan Edelson, Chair ~

Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair ~ Rebecca Bryant ~ Char Nado

Warren Wortman ~ Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative

**November 14, 2023**

### OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

This meeting was hybrid and was held in-person at The Other Barn and virtually via Zoom.

**Link to YouTube recording of the November 14, 2023 OMCA Board Meeting:**

<https://youtu.be/wVmKrM2-IdA>

**Mr. McCormack** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Present:** Bill McCormack Jr., Vice-chair; Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Char Nado; Warren Wortman; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

**Absent:** Jonathan Edelson

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Also Present:** Oakland Mills United Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Samuel Hahn, Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston.

### Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the October 24, 2023 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Nado** seconded. **Mr. Wortman** asked to amend the minutes, and the Board passed the amended minutes (3-0-1).
- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the November 14, 2023 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Bryant** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

### New Business

#### *Howard County Budget OMCA Priority Letter Draft*

**Mr. McCormack** reviewed the draft Howard County Budget OMCA Priority Letter to be sent to County Executive Calvin Ball, with an additional copy to be sent to Councilmember Opel Jones (ATTACHMENT C). The letter was intended to only be a draft as requested by the County to help prepare for Citizens Budget Hearings. A discussion ensued.

### Old Business

#### *Review of Donation Requests Received by October 15, 2023 Deadline*

**Mr. McCormack** reviewed the donation requests (ATTACHMENT D). The Board discussed proposed amounts for each organization. **Mr. Wortman** motioned to make donations in the amount of \$200 for Oakland Mills United, \$200 for The Village in Howard, \$500 for Stevens Forest PTA, \$100 for SFES

Battle of the Books, \$1000 for OMHS, \$1500 for OMHS Fine Arts Boosters, \$1000 for OMMS PTSA, and \$500 for THES PTA. **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

### **CCR Report**

**Ms. Emery** proposed to the CA board during budget discussions that outdoor pools be free during the month of July, but the CA board's vote on exploring the cost did not pass. She said that some budget decisions were being made based on outdated plans such as the 2008 watershed plan and asked specifically that the watershed plan be updated. She reported that the operations committee would be holding a meeting to decide on next quarter's CA board meeting agendas and that residents could listen or watch live. **Ms. Emery** reported that the CA board would be meeting soon to vote on the search for a new CA president/CEO and that TransPro had been hired to handle the search.

### **Village Manager's Report**

**Ms. Warren** shared her Village Manager's Report (ATTACHMENT E). She also shared the timeline for the Architectural Guidelines process. The Architectural Guidelines Committee was currently putting together recommendations. **Ms. Warren** said she would make a draft of their recommendations and present them to the Board in December so board members could review the recommendations over winter break. The Board would then add its own recommendations and discuss before sending the proposed revised architectural guidelines to CA legal for review. The goal was to be done with the entire process before the end of the Board year in April 2024.

### **Bulletin Board**

**Ms. Warren** said that she would be holding a staff thank you get-together the following Monday.

**Mr. Wortman** thanked Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston for offering to follow up on residents' unresolved See Click Fix and Tell HoCo entries. He said action had immediately been taken following his report to Ms. Alston. **Mr. Wortman** also said that he and his family were hosting a Serbian individual as part of the Baltimore World Trade Center exchange program.

**Mr. McCormack** said that the trees in front of the Exxon on Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land Parkway had been removed due to safety. The trees were blocking light from light fixtures so that employees could not view the entire parking lot. **Mr. McCormack** asked Ms. Alston to look into Encounter Row and the cracks in the road that had been filled with tar. The cracks were very uneven, causing rough driving over them. He also reported the CA Play Area study had opened October 27 and would continue to be open until November 27. **Ms. Emery** said that all people in a household could complete the survey, including children and teens.

**Mr. McCormack** adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



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**October 24, 2023**

## OMCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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**Mr. Edelson** called the regular meeting of the OMCA Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Present:** Jonathan Edelson, Chair; Karin Emery, Columbia Council Representative; Rebecca Bryant; Char Nado; Warren Wortman; Brigitta Warren, Village Manager; Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant.

**Absent:** Bill McCormack Jr.

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Also Present:** OMCA Covenant Advisors Michael Vaughn, Karina Caico, and Carrie Wenholz; CA Aquatics Director for Community Programs & Services Marty Oltmanns; Howard County Council District 2 Aide Ashley Alston; see resident list.

## Opening of Meeting

- **Mr. Wortman** motioned to approve the October 10, 2023 OMCA Board Meeting minutes (ATTACHMENT A). **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).
- **Ms. Bryant** motioned to approve the October 24, 2023 Board Meeting agenda (ATTACHMENT B). **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

## New Business

### *Columbia Association Team Member Liaison Update*

CA Aquatics Director for Community Programs and Services Marty Oltmanns gave an update on CA events, Open Space, and other matters (ATTACHMENT C).

### *OMCA Covenant Training*

OMCA Covenant Advisor for Letters of Compliance Carrie Wenholz, Covenant Advisor for Applications Michael Vaughn, and Covenant Advisor for Property Concerns Karina Caico presented training on their respective areas to the Board. A question and answer session followed. RAC Chairperson David Smith was also present to answer questions. Residents and the Board were reminded that a covenant advisor was available and in the OMCA office Monday through Thursday during regular business hours and to call, email, or make an appointment if they had questions or needed anything else related to covenants.

### ***OMCA Donation Requests***

**Mr. Edelson** explained the process of requesting donations from OMCA. The Board discussed the requests (ATTACHMENT D). **Mr. Edelson** said that though he was president of the OMHS Fine Arts Boosters, he had not put together and submitted their request, and he likely would not be present for the vote on their request or would recuse himself if present. The Donation Requests would be brought back as Old Business at the next Board meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### ***CA Aging Well in Columbia Committee Liaison Appointment***

**Mr. Edelson** said Virginia “Ginny” Thomas had expressed interest in the OMCA liaison position for the CA Aging Well in Columbia Committee. **Ms. Bryant** motioned to nominate Virginia Thomas as OMCA’s liaison for the CA Aging Well in Columbia Committee. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

#### ***CA Villages Management Contract***

**Mr. Edelson** reviewed the Amendment to the Management Contract (ATTACHMENT E). **Ms. Bryant** motioned to accept the Amendment to the Management Contract. **Mr. Wortman** seconded, and the motion passed (4-0-0).

### **Board Chair Report**

**Mr. Edelson** reported that the County had asked OMCA to submit a preliminary letter for its December Citizen’s Budget Hearing testimony. **Ms. Warren** would send last year’s testimony to consider since most of the priorities in that testimony had not yet been addressed by the County. **Mr. Edelson** asked that the Board be prepared to decide at the November 14 Board meeting if anything needed to be changed in the letter.

**Mr. Edelson** also reported that he had talked with Councilmember Opel Jones’s assistant, Michael Harris, about traffic issues in Oakland Mills. Councilmember Jones’s office planned to coordinate with County officials and personnel to meet with the Board at a future Board meeting to discuss a more comprehensive approach to addressing ongoing traffic safety concerns in Oakland Mills.

### **CCR Report**

**Ms. Emery** encouraged the Board to watch the last CA board meeting, especially to view CA’s discussion on pools. She reported that CA’s Strategic Plan would expire in 2024 and that CA was working on a new strategic plan. She said for the plan, she would like to see a good vision of what Columbia should look like in five years and asked that the Board and residents bring any ideas to her. **Ms. Emery** also reported that CA would soon announce the search committee for the new President/CEO of Columbia Association.

### **Village Manager’s Report**

**Ms. Warren** presented the draft OMCA 2024 Holiday Schedule (ATTACHMENT F). After discussion, the Board agreed to add one more holiday (January 1) to the schedule, bringing the total of OMCA holidays to eleven. The Board agreed to accept the OMCA 2024 Holiday Schedule as corrected.

**Ms. Warren** shared her Village Manager’s Report (ATTACHMENT G). She said that she had contacted CA for a schedule for the upstairs bathroom renovation. She also reported that heaters in the bathrooms overheated and had to be shut down, but supply issues were making it difficult for CA to replace them. Klein Enterprises had restriped the village center parking lot.

The Board discussed reporting infrastructure issues on SeeClickFix. Howard County Council District 2

Aide Ashley Alston asked that anyone who had open issues on SeeClickFix that had not been addressed in a timely manner email those issues to her.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Public Space Advisory Committee***

**Mr. Wortman** shared his report (ATTACHMENT H). He said Jim Caffey had contacted Blandair Park Planner Jason Thompson about the next phase of Blandair Park construction. The County had no final plans but would begin once the bridge across MD 175 was secured.

**Mr. Wortman** discussed the crosswalk installation at Lightning View and Mellenbrook Roads, which was being made because of a request made by Councilmember Jones's office. He said he asked the County to send such requests to the Board so board members would be aware of issues in the community.

Next month's Public Space Advisory Committee meeting would be on November 21 in the Collage Conference Room of the Columbia Central Library. **Ms. Warren** said that The Other Barn was now open some evenings and that OM committees could meet there if needed. She asked that any OMCA Board committees that wanted to meet in The Other Barn contact her or OMCA Facility and Rental Coordinator Ashleigh Jacobs.

### **Bulletin Board**

**Ms. Carpenter** said she would have a table at the Howard County Veteran Owned Business Expo at the Maryland Innovation Center on October 28.

**Ms. Warren** said that her eldest son had received a shout-out from County Executive Calvin Ball in his Facebook Page's post for Black Fine Arts Month for his comic book as well as his work at the Howard County Arts Council.

**Mr. Edelson** said the WBAL Concert for Kids would again take place at OMHS on December 2 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

**Mr. Wortman** motioned to go into closed session for consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation. **Ms. Nado** seconded, and the motioned passed (4-0-0).

The closed session of the Board began at 9:29 p.m. and ended at 9:38 p.m. (ATTACHMENT I).

**Mr. Edelson** went into the open session of the Board at 9:38 p.m.

Upon return to open session, **Mr. Edelson** announced that the Board had approved the removal of a flag from a property.

**Mr. Edelson** adjourned the OMCA Board meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Amy Carpenter, Administrative Assistant



## Oakland Mills Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

**Board Members:** Jonathan Edelson (Chair/Acting AC Chair), Bill McCormack Jr. (Vice-chair), Char Nado; Rebecca Bryant, Warren Wortman; **Columbia Council Representative:** Karin Emery

### **Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting** **In-person at The Other Barn**

5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD, 21045

**OR Online via Zoom (participation not guaranteed due to possible tech issues):**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89167720725>

**Meeting ID: 891 6772 0725**

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**Find your local number:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89167720725>

### **Oakland Mills Board of Directors**

**7:00 p.m.**

#### **Opening of Meeting (5 min)**

- Approve Minutes from October 24, 2023 Board Meeting
- Approve Agenda for November 14, 2023 Board Meeting

Bill McCormack Jr., Board Vice-Chair

**7:05 p.m.**

#### **Resident Remarks (3 minutes per resident, 10 minutes)**

Please note that meeting attendee's audio is muted. If you wish to participate in Resident Remarks please "raise your hand" which is one of the options available for participants and appears as an icon on the screen.

**7:15 p.m.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Howard County Budget OMCA Priority Letter Draft (Discussion) (10 min)**

**7:25 p.m.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Review of Donation Requests received by October 15, 2023 deadline, Discussion, Vote**  
(15 min)

<b>7:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Columbia Council Rep Report</b> (10 min)	Karin Emery, CCR Rep
<b>7:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Village Manager Report</b> (10 min)	Brigitta Warren, Village Manager
<b>8:05p.m.</b>	<b>Board Bulletin Board</b>	
<b>8:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Lively Arts for Little Ones</b>	Fri, Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30 a.m.
	<b>Treats and Crafts with Santa</b>	Sat., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m.
	<b>Jazz in the Mills, Holiday Extravaganza</b>	Sun. Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5:00 p.m.
	<b>Gingerbread House Decorating</b>	Wed., Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.
	<b>Holidays Lights in the Courtyard</b>	Sat., Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m.



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November 15, 2023

Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball  
 George Howard Building  
 3430 Court House Drive  
 Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball:

Thank you for this opportunity to share priorities for FY25 that the Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA) hopes to accomplish in partnership with the County. The OMCA Board of Directors has discussed and agreed to the priorities listed below. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the priorities with you, in person, and invite County Executive Ball and/or County staff to attend an Oakland Mills Board of Directors meeting.

**PRIORITY LIST - priorities all are short-term and of equal importance, not listed in priority order.**

**SCHOOLS and EDUCATION**

**Deferred School Maintenance**

Each year we continue to testify in support of timely funding of deferred maintenance projects for Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High School. **We are asking you to include funding of long overdue deferred renovations of OMMS and OMHS in fiscal years 2024 and 2026, respectively. More specifically, funding for OMMS must start in fiscal year 2024 for the project to be completed on time.** Over \$100 million in deferrals equates to health and safety repairs-including replacing an HVAC system that the school system concluded could no longer support an environment conducive to learning.

This is a serious issue that needs serious attention and commitment of future collaboration between the county and the school system to ensure these long-neglected schools, which serve much higher-than-average populations of students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds, can provide safe and healthy environments for students and teachers before another decade passes. The request to provide timely funding for deferred maintenance projects ensures that ALL schools meet the same health and safety standards and provide modern amenities to students regardless of their backgrounds.

**SAFE and COMPREHENSIVE COMPLETE STREET PROJECT FOR ENTIRE LENGTH OF STEVENS FOREST ROAD**

Several years ago, the community was approached by HC DPW to discuss two streetscape projects. While we are appreciative of the aesthetically enhanced Whiteacre Road, we are concerned that the project did not address the many safety issues that exist on Stevens Forest Road.

Members of the Oakland Mills Board and Public Space committee sent numerous letters, including videos, documenting the unsafe conditions along the entire stretch of Stevens Forest Road. Stevens Forest Road is the main road into Oakland Mills and the only main roadway in the ten villages of Columbia that have residential driveways directly on the road. Most importantly, Stevens Forest Road has four nearby schools that students walk to and from.

We have had several productive meetings with County officials who understand the issues of concern. We greatly appreciate the recent upgrade to the traffic signal at Stevens Forest and Kilimanjaro, which prohibits right turns while pedestrians cross Stevens Forest. **On behalf of the community, we would like to ask for a comprehensive study of Stevens Forest Road, including and from the roundabout at Stevens Forest Rd. and Farewell Road to the intersection of Stevens Forest and Whiteacre Road to determine what other improvements are necessary.**

#### **Tree Removal And Timely Replacement**

Dead/dying trees that pose a safety risk must be removed.

We understand the difficult budget decision that County must make across all departments. At the same time, **we support funding for Public Works for the staffing and equipment necessary for a timely and comprehensive tree removal and replacement program.**

#### **Routine Roadway Median Maintenance**

The only type of maintenance the medians get in Oakland Mills is through a mowing agreement with Columbia Association during the spring and summer months. There is no maintenance to the medians at any other time.

Currently, the leaves that have fallen on median strips will remain until the spring when the median is mowed, clogging storm drains and piling up on roads.

Residents continually face arduous task of raking and bagging leaves on and around their property. There has to be a better solution for residents.

**Once again, we ask the County to follow the lead of other local jurisdiction and fund a leaf vacuum removal process and begin with a pilot program in Oakland Mills.** (Locally Montgomery County, University Park and the Village of Rockville have such programs.)

#### **BLANDAIR PARK**

The popularity of Blandair Park is evidenced by the number of large events held throughout the year along with the great playgrounds and ball fields. However, the Oakland Mills community often feels the burden of the popularity of the park and does not receive all the benefits it could from having this great amenity in our cOMMunity.

Oakland Mills supports the park and provides the county accessory playing fields and parking for Blandair events. We are asking the County to help support the Oakland Mills village merchants in the same spirit that our community supports the large-scale events that draw thousands to Blandair.

**Investing economic development funds by providing directional signs promoting the Oakland Mills merchants would provide a simple and unique opportunity for the County to work with Oakland Mills merchants and promote our village shops and restaurants.** A strong community/county partnership will hopefully lead to thriving business for our new and longstanding merchants.

#### **Orchard Green Path Extension along Route 108**

The Oakland Mills Village Board of Directors supports extending a path from the Orchard Green tot lot to the Red Branch Road light on MD 108, providing safe and legal pedestrian and bicycle access to the Red Branch Rd. businesses. However, we need a small budget and commitments from the state, Howard County, and the Columbia Association to make this connection.

The relatively inexpensive solution is to add a pedestrian crosswalk at the light at Red Branch Rd. However, the crosswalk requires a connecting pathway. The Bike Howard plan suggests adding a shared-use pathway along the south side of MD 108 (about 50 yards). The Columbia Association has an existing path to the Orchard Green tot lot that could be extended to the shared-use path. This solution involves three parties: MDOT for the pedestrian crosswalk, Howard County for the shared-use pathway, and the Columbia Association for the Orchard Green tot lot path extension.

**We are requesting the County's help to facilitate a budget for the shared-use pathway and gain commitments for this much-needed Complete Streets solution.**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to present our priorities and thank you and your team for making our County such a great and "happy" place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Oakland Mills Board of Directors

## Donation Requests Received

**2023\_2024 OMCA Fiscal Year (May 23-April 24)**

**Oakland Mills Expense Line for Donations in FY24 Budget: \$5000**

<b>ORGANIZATION NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
OMHS	\$3000
OMHS Fine Arts Boosters	Any donations – list totals \$10,000
OMMS PTSA	\$2000
SFES PTA	\$1655
SFES Battle of the Books (Marc Tolson)	\$300-\$500
THES PTA	\$ 750
OMU (Oakland Mills United)	\$1000
The Village in Howard	\$ 500

**Request Total:** **\$ 19,405 (includes full amount from OMHS Fine Arts)**

Summary of requests, detail in attached donation requests from organizations:

**OMHS – \$3000** to support the day-long, in-house retreat known as Welcome HOME is held multiple times a year. **\$1000** is needed to cover the remaining cost of the shirts. We also host countless events for our school and the wider OM community and we are down to less than 10 folding tables throughout our building We need **\$2000** to buy 20 sturdy folding tables that will be able to withstand the hustle and bustle of our vibrant social calendar.

**OAKLAND MILLS HS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS - \$10,000** towards the Oakland Mills Fine Arts Boosters as OMHS FAB needs as much support as we can get. A donation of **\$10,000** would go far in helping our performing arts students excel, but any amount you are able to donate to FAB would be greatly appreciated and could make all the difference in the high school experience for our talented performing artists.

**OAKLAND MILLS MS PTSA - \$2000** to support scholarships and cost reductions for our students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. With this grant, we envision supporting each grade with \$500 (6th, 7th, 8th) and \$500 to support other trips , like French, Spanish and/or Music in the Parks. We will always work in coordination with the school and staff to best ensure our OMMS students receive the same experiences as kids across the county and that cost is not a barrier to

their participation. Sometimes that looks like reducing overall costs for the whole trip and sometimes that means scholarships for individual students.

**STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA - \$2000** to help make 2 of our events an incredible experience for the community: STEM Night and Paint Night.

Our STEM Night is held every year where we provide community members with science and tech-related activities and demonstrations. Our goal is to inspire children and stimulate their minds to be curious about science. I have outlined an itemized breakdown of the anticipated costs for the night below. In summary, we are requesting **\$1,065.49 for the STEM Night**. Additionally, our **Paint Night** is an event where we provide community members with art activities to enrich each child's mind and imagination. Our goal is to foster a creative community where children are encouraged to express themselves through art creation. Again, below is a breakdown of the anticipated costs. In summary, we are requesting, **\$590.47** for the event.

**STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (Marc Tolson) - \$300-\$500** to support the SFES 2024 Battle of the Book Teams. This contribution will be used to purchase drinks, snacks, food, costumes, art supplies, and other such expenses in support of our efforts to imitate events in the books or inspire teamwork and camaraderie.

**THUNDER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA – \$750**

**1. \$400.00** to purchase headphones for students for use during standard testing. Currently there are not enough headphones in the school for all students to use during standard testing. Donated funds will be used to procure additional headphones to reduce this shortage.

**2. \$350.00** to purchase indoor recess equipment for the approaching winter/colder months. During the winter months for safety reasons, students must spend more time indoors during recess, in their respective classrooms. Research shows that all students benefit greatly from at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day, so it is imperative for students' mental and physical health that they can be active during recess time. Funds from the Oakland Mills Community Association. A donation will allow students to have a wider selection of board games, equipment and structured indoor activities.

**OMU – \$1000** to be used to cover programming costs such as improved curriculum development and SAT/ACT test preparation materials to allow our programming to provide more value to our students. Our staff provide these services directly to our students and as a result, we would like to stipend our staff in order to retain talent and experience.

**THE VILLAGE IN HOWARD - \$500** to provide an additional discount to attract new, eligible Supported Members in Oakland Mills and to expand activities offered to the public. In addition to providing a further reduction for Oakland Mills residents we plan to award "scholarships" to Oakland Mills Supported Members to join programs incurring cost. If approved, we would also intend to leverage support by reaching out to other Columbia Village boards to follow the lead of the Oakland Mills Village Association in providing such assistance to their senior residents.

**Manager's Report  
Oakland Mills Community Association  
November 14, 2023**

**Facility Updates:**

- The Courtyard stones were redone in areas where the tree roots had knocked the stones out of place causing a tripping hazard. The whole courtyard was power washed and cleaned.
- CA Facilities will be doing their annual walkthrough of all facilities at the end of the month.

**Event Update:**

- Our new resident open house was very nice. We had about ten residents stop by, but they were very appreciative of the event and learned a lot. Thank you to the staff and Board members who were there on a Sunday afternoon. We will be reviewing and looking at ways to improve/change for the next open house.
- Tickets for Breakfast with Santa and Gingerbread House Decorating are now on sale on Eventbrite. They are available on a first come, first served basis. The Holiday Lights in the Courtyard does not need a ticket and will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The DMV food truck will be there with hot cocoa, popcorn and other goodies available for sale. All information is available on the Oakland Mills website and Facebook page.
- Tickets for the Holiday Extravaganza, featuring the Manny Kellough Sextet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> are sold out. I am working with Lavenia to plan the 2024 Jazz Concert Series which will begin in April 2024.
- One note about Eventbrite, they have now started charging a fee to simply use their site to sell tickets. After much research of other ticket selling sites, Amy and I decided to pay the fee for now until and if we come up with a better solution.
- I will be attending the reception of the unveiling of the CA Quilt that Oakland Mills contributed to this Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Art Center.

**Misc.**

- The Architectural Guidelines Revision Committee has met twice, and the meetings have been very productive. We will be meeting again on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- At the November 8<sup>th</sup> Village Manager's meeting, a discussion regarding the current assessment share formula. Jackie Tuma and Lynn Schwartz from CA's Auditor and Advisory Services office will be meeting with the Village Managers at our next meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>.