**Olney Springs Home Sales Continue**

Sales of new townhomes and single family, detached homes are continuing at Olney Springs on Bowie Mill Road. MHP is co-developer of the 114-unit community with Elm Street Development.

Olney Springs is one of the first mixed-income communities in Montgomery County to feature workforce priced homes in addition to affordable and market rate.

The first new homebuyers moved in October 2013, just in time to celebrate the holiday season in their newly built, affordable homes. The 36-acre development features walking paths, tot lots, and a basketball court.

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**Circle of Builders Thank You Reception**

Montgomery County Council President Craig Rice was the guest speaker at MHP’s Circle of Builders Thank You Reception in Bethesda in February.

MHP is celebrating 25 years in business during 2014, and the private reception marked the first of several events this year to engage and thank the members of MHP’s Circle of Builders giving society for their support of the Building Dreams outreach last year.

Coverage of the 2nd Annual Building Community ~ Fulfilling Dreams Annual Benefit Breakfast from October 23rd is inside. You can support MHP this year by attending a Building Dreams tour. The list of tours coming up are on the back cover.

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**2014 Calendar of Events**

| April—Sept | Building Dreams Tours |
| May 12     | Annual Norman Christeller Classic |
| May 16     | Glenville Road Spring Cleanup |
| June 1-6   | Community Life Preschool Graduations |
| June 7-14  | Annual NeighborWorks Week |
| June 7     | Flowers on Flower Avenue |
| July       | Summer Enrichment Program |

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MHP Welcomes Four New Employees

MHP welcomed Jerome Davis in February as the new Director of Finance. He was most recently the CFO for Norris Square Civic Association in Philadelphia, and prior to that was Deputy Director of We Are Family CDC in Baltimore.

April Clemens joined MHP in January as the Executive Assistant to the President. She previously served in the same role at Interfaith Works in Frederick.

Jim Miller joined MHP in January as the Asset Manager, after a long career with Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission.

Tami Axelrod joined MHP last September as a Project Manager with the Real Estate Development team.

Long Branch Earth Day Cleanup

Nearly 100 volunteers joined MHP and the Anacostia Watershed Society in April for the Annual Long Branch Earth Day Cleanup, including students from Montgomery College, University of Maryland, Howard University, and local middle and high schools from around Montgomery County.

Volunteers collected 2.2 tons of trash and bulk materials from the Long Branch creek and woods near the Long Branch community center. Volunteers hauled away 148 bags of trash, 84 bags of recyclables, 2 rubber tires, 3 shopping carts, a broken 50-inch TV, and countless pieces of paint.

MHP Receives $150,000 Teamup Grant from Trawick Foundation to Launch Camp Wings

MHP’s Community Life Program is launching an exciting new summer program in June in partnership with Class Act Arts, Preflight, and Pyramid Atlantic. Camp Wings is a new 5-week program that will be offered to middle school age boys at two MHP locations, 7610 Maple and Greenwood Terrace. The camps are scheduled to begin June 23rd and end July 25th.

The program will help boys explore and learn the concept of flight in nature, aviation, and space exploration.
MHP’s work is made possible by the generous donations of corporations, individuals and state and county government. **We would like to recognize and thank the following donors** who have contributed to MHP from September 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. If there is an omission or error, please contact the Fundraising Dept. at 301-622-2400 ext. 15.

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Building Community ~ Fulfilling Dreams
2nd Annual Benefit Breakfast
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Community Building in Support of Affordable Housing

Last October, MHP hosted its Building Communities ~ Fulfilling Dreams 2nd Annual Benefit Breakfast. More than 250 supporters, partners, local elected officials, and MHP residents joined the MHP board and staff at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The theme was Childhood Dreams.

The annual October breakfast is the culmination of a years’ worth of Building Dreams tours and educational outreach to dispel myths surrounding affordable housing in Montgomery County. More than $175,000 was raised in support of MHP’s educational programs for residents and community revitalization efforts.

Finding a Safe Place to Call Home

MHP resident Ana shared her heart-wrenching story of perseverance. She and her daughters were able to find an affordable place to live in Takoma Park after spending months living in a shelter following a domestic violence incident. They fled their home in the middle of the night.

“Imagine having to live in a shelter with 20 other families; sharing a common bathroom, and having to explain to your daughters why they must eat breakfast and dinner every day with hundreds of strangers watching,” said Ana. “Imagine having your life nearly taken from you, and starting over from zero.”

Ana’s parents told her about MHP and Gilbert Highlands. They lived in another MHP property down the street. She and her girls moved into a spacious, newly renovated 2-bedroom apartment and have never been happier or felt more safe.

Pictured at right - MHP resident Ana with her parents and daughters. She shared her emotional story of how she overcame domestic violence and found an affordable place to raise her girls in a clean and safe place near her parents.

According to Ana, she now has the strength to work toward achieving her childhood dream—to purchase her first home, so that her girls will have their own rooms and her parents will have a comfortable place to retire.
Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP) hosted its Circle of Builders Annual Spring Policy Breakfast at CohnReznick in Bethesda in March. It featured an engaging presentation by Timothy McDonald, co-founder of Onion Flats, LLC, about how affordable green homes can be designed and built.

Philadelphia based Onion Flats recently co-developed, designed, and built the First International Certified Passive House in Pennsylvania. McDonald, an architect, shared tips on how developers could build net zero capable housing in Montgomery County.

We can also bring the tour to your home or office.

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