



NEWSLETTER

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ESOL FOR WORK

6 – WEEK TRAINING CLASS AT CENTRAL KENILWORTH AVENUE REVITALIZATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

We welcome all languages and we are here to help you. Certificate awarded at course completion.

Online Zoom Classes During COVID-19 pandemic:

Monday – Friday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Seminars on Fridays:

- Path to US citizenship
- Introduction to computers
- Guest speakers

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45 for textbook / \$10 for returning students

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CKAR & Partners Establish the “Greater Riverdale Cares”



The *Greater Riverdale Cares GoFundMe* campaign was established by a partnership with CKAR, Councilmember Danielle Glaros, Kaiser Permanente and GoBrent Realtor to benefit businesses and families in the Greater Riverdale communities. Businesses that are closed because of these uniquely difficult times are paid a stipend which helps to keep their kitchens open and workers employed. The businesses are then preparing warm meals that are being sent to communities in Greater Riverdale to feed families in need.

Riviera Tapas, Banana Blossom Bistro, Denizen Brewing Co and Dumms 2Fifty Texas BBQ have prepared over 1200 meals that have been distributed at various locations in zip code 20737. Geppetto Catering will join these restaurants to provide support to families in the community.

We are grateful for all of the supporters that have helped us exceed our goal of \$10,000 and as of 4/28, we have raised over \$15,000. Together, we can support our local businesses, feed our neighbors, and demonstrate that *Greater Riverdale Cares*.

Your gift of \$10 will feed one person; \$40 will feed one family; \$120 will feed three families. No gift is too small – or too large! How many will you feed today?

Thank you for your support!

greaterriverdalecares/gofundme





CKAR CDC provides an update for the Greater Riverdale Place-Based Initiative on their website. Progress is continually being made on this initiative in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have provided this update in English and Spanish which can be found by clicking on the links below.

ENGLISH: https://ckarcdc.org/site/wp-content/uploads/Summary-Doc-GR-PBI_eng.pdf

SPANISH: https://ckarcdc.org/site/wp-content/uploads/Summary-Doc-GR-PBI_esp.pdf



CKAR CELEBRATES EARTH DAY 2020



Residents and businesses in the Greater Riverdale communities are eligible to receive free tree planting courtesy of a grant CKAR received from The Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Storm Water Stewardship program.

To reserve your trees, please call our office at (240) 608-2527, or email us at info@ckarcdc.org. Plantings will take place in the fall as soon as we are clear of the COVID-19 pandemic.



MORE EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Councilmember Dannielle Glaros has a host of information on Earth Day Activities for the month of April that can be found on councilmember's website. Click on the following link:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1iqUECbHlsxyOWtt-VgQPdZBi_GQuoTlp

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: EAST PINES PHARMACY

Interview with Dr. Omotayo Awotunde



What is the name of your business?

East Pines Pharmacy

How long has your business been in operation and in the community?

The business has been here since 2009. So about 11 years we have been working in this community.

What are your days and hours of operation?

We are open on Monday to Friday from 9am- 7pm. Also, on Saturdays from 10am- 4pm.

Describe what your company does and the services they provide.

We offer over the counter medication, prescription medication, medical equipment, wound care supply, incontinence supplies, and delivery service.

What is unique about your business?

This pharmacy is for everyone, but we tend to cater more to the pediatric population. Another thing we do is drug compound services. That is, we can mix two or more medications that are specially for you. Not every pharmacy has that service.



Entrance to East Pines Pharmacy on Riverdale Road



Do you own a local business? If you would like to have your business highlighted in the next newsletter, email us at: jmitchell@ckarc.org

How has your business changed over the years?

Well we started as a basic retail pharmacy. Then later on we found our niche in compounding and pediatric services.

What made you choose your current location?

I had a pharmacy in DC before. However due to the changing nature of the pharmacy industry I decided that I wanted to change my location. This area is actually close to the other pharmacy I worked before.

What do you enjoy most about what you do?

I derive satisfaction in taking care of the pediatric population. Thus, why I custom make compounds to suite that population. This population has a lot of neurological problems and some deal with cancer in which we cater to the general cancer population as well. Overall it's my passion to serve people who are in need and pediatrics is something I happen to really like.



Dr. Awotunde looking up a prescription for a patient

If you had one piece of advice to someone just started out, what would it be?

Retail these days is very tough. I would advise individuals to specialize and to focus more in services than retailing. Retailing will tie down a lot of your inventory and money. Since Amazon and Walmart have dominated the retail industry it choked a lot of small businesses. If you sell your services or skills, you are in a better position to keep your business and make money.

By: Imari Alvarez,
CCMA AmeriCorps VISTA
For more information:

Business Name: East Pines Pharmacy

Website: www.eastpinesrx.com

Facebook: East Pines Specialty Pharmacy

Phone: (301) 459-6211

OTHER CKAR HAPPENINGS

SPRING 2020



- Breakfast and Lunch Café
- 14-week Certified Culinary Arts & Customer Service Training Program
- Healthy Eating/Healthy Living Menu
- Wellness Programming
- Job Placement Services

DONATE NOW!

[Your donations go towards the café's renovation and is greatly needed and appreciated. Please make your donation now by clicking this link:](https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/CentralKenilworthAvenueRevita/embeddonate.html)

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CCMA AmeriCorps VISTA? CKAR is looking for you. Only one position is available. Click on this link for position description and to apply :

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=94176&fromSearch=true>



OUR MISSION

To promote the social, environmental and economic development of Greater Riverdale, Maryland.

**Transforming our communities:
Better Lives**

★
Better Communities

★
Better Businesses

CKAR anticipates completion of the Edmonston Road Rain Garden in Fall 2020.



GREATER RIVERDALE NEWS

FROM COUNCILMEMBER DANNIELLE GLAROS' OFFICE

Councilmember Dannielle Glaros' office has a new [eCommentportal](#) that will allow the public to participate in virtual Council sessions. This portal enables residents to register electronically to speak on agenda items scheduled for public hearing or to submit a comment or letter into the official public record.

Overall account creation instructions can be found [here](#). Participants are encouraged to create an account and understand the process prior to the hearing. Check your spam folder for the confirmation email if it does not appear in your inbox.

Please read and following the steps outlined [here](#) and [here](#).

For those unable to use the [eCommentportal](#), comments/written correspondence may be emailed to: clerkofthecouncil@co.pg.md.us or faxed to (301) 952-5178. All testimony and comments received by the deadline will become part of the public record of the meeting. Testimony and comments will not be accepted via social media or by telephone/voice mail message.

FROM GOVERNOR HOGAN'S OFFICE

Governor Hogan has announced that there will be no evictions, utility shutoffs, or utility late fees during the COVID-19 crisis. Tenants must show their inability to pay rent that is related to the pandemic.

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2020/03/16/coronavirus-update-gov-hogan-prohibits-evictions-service-shutoffs-during-state-of-emergency/>

PURPLE LINE UPDATES

Northbound Traffic Shift onto Permanent Bridge

New: Beginning on or about May 30, 2020, northbound traffic will shift onto the permanent Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge over Riverdale Road. This work may take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., until the shift is complete. Flagging operations and temporary lane closures will occur.

FOOD GIVEAWAY LOCATIONS

Starting Monday, April 6, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students can pick up a week's worth of "grab and go" meals in fewer visits. Meal pick-up will occur twice a week going forward. Students can get meals for two days on Mondays and three days on Wednesdays. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are available at 43 sites. Parents may now pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card. Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID. Visit the following link to find locations for meal giveaway sites sponsored by Prince George's County Public Schools:

<https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/meal-sites/>

DISTRICT 3 MEAL LOCATIONS:

Riverdale Elementary, William Wirt MS, Templeton Elementary, Carrollton Elementary, Woodridge Elementary, Robert Frost Elementary

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LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Restaurants in Greater Riverdale providing Grab n' Go and Delivery Service

- **Alamo Mexican Restaurant** (no email); 5508 Kenilworth Ave.; (301) 927-8787 – grab n' go; no delivery
- **Boston Market**; www.bostonmarket.com; 6121 Kenilworth Ave.; (301) 277-1350 – delivery through DoorDash & grab n' go
- **El Rodeo** (no email); 6258 Kenilworth Ave.; (301) 927-0202 – grab n' go; no delivery
- **La Flor De Puebla Bakery**; www.laflordepueblabakery.com; 6300 Kenilworth Avenue; (301) 699-8708; grab n' go; no delivery
- **Asian Restaurant** (no email); 5401 Kenilworth Ave. B; (301) 927-4942 – grab n' go; delivery
- **District Taco**; www.districttaco.com; 6710 45th St Suite A; (240) 623-0160; grab n' go; delivery
- **Pizza Oven Inn**; mypizzaoven.com; 6029 66th Avenue; (301) 459-1030; grab n' go; no delivery
- **Taqueria El Rey** (no email); 6017 66th Ave; (301) 459-2230; grab n' go; delivery
- **El Comalito**; www.pupuseriaelcomalito.com; 6100 Baltimore Ave; (301) 864-4600; grab n' go; no delivery
- **El Sitio Restaurant** (no email); 5837 Riverdale Rd; (301) 864-1850; (301) 864-1850; no info
- **Starbucks**; www.starbucks.com; 4501 Van Buren St; (202) 768-6413; grab n' go
- **Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins**; www.dunkindonuts.com; 5603 Riverdale Road; (301) 803-8465; grab n' go
- **The Habit Burger Grill**; www.habitburger.com; 4502 Van Buren St; (240) 860-0700; grab n' go
- **Geppetto Catering, Inc.**; <https://geppettocatering.com>; 4505 Queensbury Road; (301) 927-8800; catering
- **MOD Pizza**; <https://modpizza.com>; 4401 Woodberry St; (240) 825-4256; grab n' go by phone
- **Maria Bonita Restaurant**; (no email); 5612 Kenilworth Avenue; (240) 825-4329; pick-up only
- **Dumm's Pizza and Subs**; www.dummspizza.com; 4704 Riverdale Rd; (301) 277-2208; delivery and grab n' go
- **Taqueria Y Rostiseria El Rey**; (no email); 5401 Carters Lane; (301) 454-8145; grab n' go; no delivery
- **Queensway Restaurant and Catering**; www.queenswayfood.com; 5851 Riverdale Road; (301) 699-8002; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **McDonald's**; (no email); 6228 Baltimore Ave; (301) 277-6370; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **McDonald's**; (no email); 5600 Riverdale Road; (301) 277-6849; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **Jersey Mike's Subs**; www.jerseymikes.com; 6761 45th St; (240) 770-3456; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **Burton's Grill & Bar**; 4440 van Buren St; (240)825-3988; Closed 3/19-3/26
- **Pollo Fiesta Restaurant**; (no email); 6408 Kenilworth Ave; (301) 277-0298; no delivery; grab n' go only
- **Whole Foods**; www.wholefoodsmarket.com; 6621-B Baltimore Avenue; (240) 487-7575; grab n' go only
- **Riviera Tapas Bar**; www.rivieratapasbar.com; 6108 Rhode Island Avenue; (240) 825-3868; grab n' go only
- **Zheng's Restaurant**; (no email); 6019 66th Avenue; (301) 459-0707; grab n' go only
- **Banana Blossom Bistro**; 6202 Rhode Island Avenue Suite 116; (301) 277-8500; delivery and grab n' go, online and phone orders only

Other Helpful Resources:

<https://conta.cc/3baVI1K> -- COVID- English

<https://conta.cc/2x8hVPj> -- COVID - Spanish

<https://www.hookhall.com/helps> - Restaurant workers relief fund

https://drive.google.com/open?id=196vkSnUvP_tkc_gRDfmNV7L8dLrnqfGiR – CKAR CDC's guide to housing, medical, legal, employment, and small business development in the Greater Riverdale community.