Coalition of Community Leaders Meetings!

We need your input during the planning phase of the Kaiser Permanente Place-Based Initiative for the Greater Riverdale communities. The communities that will benefit from this initiative are the Town of Riverdale Park, the unincorporated communities of East Riverdale (Riverdale Heights, Riverdale Hills, Crestwood, Templeton Knolls and Eastpines), Beacon Heights, Rosswill, Hanson Oaks, Woodlawn and West Lanham Hills.

CKAR in collaboration with Councilmember Danielle Glaros (District 3) will host community leader and visioning meetings in the upcoming months. In these meetings, leaders are assisting CKAR by helping us to get the word out to the residents of their communities as well as provide valuable input and insight about the needs of our communities.

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The Place Based Initiative promotes a broader community health vision that includes creating thriving communities with schools as a hub for health, strengthening our institutions, cohesion and advocacy, economic opportunity through support for small businesses, fostering entrepreneurs, tactical workforce development and effectively addressing affordable housing and financial literacy. More information can be found on CKAR’s website:

www.ckarcdc.org/place-based-initiative-ckar-riverdale-park/

To date, two coalition community leader meetings were conducted. These meetings included leaders in the community who received information about the initiative and provided their thoughts and input about what programs and services would best benefit the Greater Riverdale community. There were 26 attendees at the October 14th and 29 at the October 28th meetings. The next community leader meeting before the visioning workshops takes place:

**November 12th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Woodlawn Recreation Center 6916 Greenvale Parkway Hyattsville, MD**

At our next meeting, residents will:

a. Select focus areas of interest and address the needs of their community.

b. Work in small focus groups to discuss community priorities.

c. Suggest a name for the initiative.

d. Receive an update about the Greater Riverdale Community Survey results.

Visioning Workshops

Greater Riverdale, we need to hear from you! Join your neighbors, friends, and community members to discuss a vision for Greater Riverdale. We want you to share your dreams for the area, as well as talk about the challenges in your community. Refreshments will be provided and we will work individually and in small focus groups to identify a path forward for our community. Teens are encouraged to attend!

The first Visioning Workshop is set for Nov 20 at Templeton ES. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the workshop will start promptly at 6:00 pm and conclude by 8:00 pm. This is the first of two Visioning Workshops, please check https://ckarcdc.org/place-based-initiative-ckar-cdc-riverdale-park/ for upcoming event details.

Contact aoneill@ndc-md.org 301-830-6425 with any questions.
Patricia Hayes-Parker, Executive Director and Mattea Keister, CCMA AmeriCorps Vista volunteer had the awesome privilege of attending the International Day at Templeton Elementary School. As a part of this event, students were allowed to wear their traditional garments from their culture. The pictures below shows the vast diversity of cultures at Templeton. We hope you enjoy viewing them as much as we did.
CKAR’s Multi-Level ESOL program helps people of all languages learn how to write and speak Basic English. This is a 5-week class that awards students with a certificate at completion. Students not only learn English, but also basic computer skills. Day and evening classes are available. Registration is required. Call our office at 240-608-2527, weekdays 9 am – 5:30 pm.