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Howard County Welcome Center to Reopen on Monday, November 14, 2016

Ellicott City, MD (November 2016) Howard County Tourism & Promotion is excited to announce that the Howard County Welcome Center located at 8267 Main Street in Old Ellicott City will be reopening on Monday, November 14 at 10 am. This is the first time the Welcome Center has opened since the devastating flood that occurred on July 31.

“The Howard County Tourism Team is very pleased to be back in Old Ellicott City,” said Anthony Cordo, Executive Director of Howard County Tourism & Promotion. “We’ve been working hard to assist in Ellicott City’s recovery efforts and are looking forward to greeting visitors again. Cordo also said, “We are very grateful to The Howard Hughes Corporation for providing us temporary space in downtown Columbia and to the Howard County government for their help in getting us back into the Welcome Center.”

The reopening of the Howard County Welcome Center in mid-November is timely, with several major events planned during the holiday season. For more information on the planned events and open businesses in Old Ellicott City visit EllicottCityHolidays.com.

The Welcome Center typically greets over 30,000 visitors a year. The Center is open 7 days a week with the exception of some holidays. Current hours are Monday-Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sundays from 12pm-5pm.

TWEET

Howard County Tourism is ready to reopen doors to the Welcome Center in #OldEllicottCity on November 14! <https://www.visithowardcounty.com/about/welcome-center/> @VisitHoCoMD

Tourism WORKS for HOWARD COUNTY, MD!

10,000 employed in County's Tourism industry (1 in 8 Nationally, 131,000 in Maryland)
35,000 visitors in Welcome Center (from 50 states, 18 countries, 3 territories)
\$16M in tax receipts reinvested to maintain County's citizens' nationally recognized quality of life

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Howard County Tourism & Promotion (501c6 not-for-profit) is recognized by Howard County Government and the Maryland Office of Tourism Development as the official Destination Marketing Organization for Howard County, Maryland and funded by a legislated 2% of the county hotel tax, granted through Howard County Government. Howard County Tourism & Promotion's mission is to increase, develop and promote tourism in Howard County by featuring the county's unique location, sites, services, products and people. We are the first and foremost source of information on all that is wonderful about visiting and living in Howard County, Maryland.

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