

# Community Notes

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## Residents invited to talks on planning

General Growth Properties and Howard Community College are presenting "Voices of Vision," a series of talks and discussions with experts on effective urban planning and design, and their impact on quality of life.

Residents are invited to participate in open forums on topics that relate to the future of Columbia and Howard County.

Ann Forsyth, author of *Reforming Suburbia: The Planned Communities of Irvine, Columbia and The Woodlands*, will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at Smith Theatre, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia. Her presentation will focus on the social aspects of physical planning and creating "a walkable environment."

Forsyth is director of the Metropolitan Design Center at the University of Minnesota and professor and Dayton Hudson Chair of Urban Design at the university.

Admission is free, but registration is requested. Registration: 877-311-2944.

General Growth Properties Inc. is developing planned communities in Maryland (including Columbia's Town Center), Texas and Nevada.