Date: November 4, 2013

To: Howard County Homeowners

From: Donald L. Mock, P.E., Chief of Plan Review Division

Subject: Pre-Manufactured Buildings and Sheds

Storage sheds are not to be used for parking automobiles and other vehicles, for the following reasons:

1) The Building Code requires that the floor for garages be of approved non-combustible material.

2) The floor used for parking of automobiles and other vehicles shall be sloped to facilitate the movement of liquids. The slope shall be towards the main vehicle entry doorway.

3) Elevated garage floors (floor joist and sheathing) shall be capable of supporting a 2,000-pound load applied over a 20-square inch area (4” by 5”).

If you have any questions, please contact the Plan Review Division at 410-313-2436.