

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
PRESS RELEASE**

For immediate release:

April 21, 2006

For more information:

Marion Joyce

Manager, Community Outreach and Media Relations

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

The Montgomery County Planning Board

301-495-4602

**PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY DIG DAY PLANNED
AT OAKLEY CABIN ON MAY 13**

SILVER SPRING, MD - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff and the Archaeology Society of Maryland's Mid-Potomac Chapter invite the public to enjoy Public Archaeology Dig Day on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Oakley Cabin, one of Montgomery County Parks' premier African American heritage sites. Oakley Cabin is located at 3610 Brookeville Road in Brookeville.

"Bring a bag lunch and digging clothes and dig into the past at Oakley Cabin," invites archaeologist Heather Bouslog. "Participants will explore the cabin, taste cornbread from the open hearth, see an artillery demonstration and meet a soldier from the famed 54th Massachusetts Regiment."

Diggers in the past have found antique dolls and toys, pottery shards, medicine bottles, animal bones, cooking utensils and other objects that people left at the cabin long ago.

Free parking is available at Longwood Recreation Center located at 19300 Georgia Avenue and a free shuttle bus will carry people to the cabin. The event fee is \$8 per person or \$15 per family.

More information on archaeology in Maryland is available at www.mid-potomacarchaeology.org, www.marylandarcheology.org/Arch_Month/Index4.htm. For details on Oakley Cabin, www.montgomeryparksfnd.org/fg-oakcab.htm

For more information about this free special event, those interested may contact Heather Bouslog at Heather.Bouslog@mncppc-mc.org or 301-840-5848.

###