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I'd like to take this opportunity to say "**Thank You**" to Dennis Moore, an active member of the Gary J. Arthur Community Center. Dennis so graciously offered to display his holiday train garden at the Community Center this winter season for all to enjoy. In the past, Dennis has shared this hobby with Harmony Hall Retirement Center located on Cedar Lane in Hickory Ridge village. We are so pleased that he decided to bring this beautiful display here.

The Train Garden has four continuously operating trains going over and under each other, a steam engine freight train, diesel engine passenger train, holiday train set and a trolley. There are 40 houses lit up as well as 75 lamp posts. Visitors can push 1 to 4 buttons to activate an accessory or sound. Other details include people, cars, barnyard animals, trees and snow. It took Dennis Moore two weeks to build the display in his basement and 10 hours to assemble it at the Community Center.

On behalf of the Gary J. Arthur Community Center, we say **Thank You** to Dennis Moore for sharing his hobby and this beautiful holiday train garden display at the Community Center. On average, we welcome close to 10,000 visitors to the Center each month. It was displayed during our 39th Holiday Mart Juried Craft Show bringing in close to 3,000 patrons, Baltimore Bead Society's Bead Trade Show bringing approximately 1,000 visitors, and most recently the Community Center's Daddy Daughter Snowflake Ball with over 100 Dads & Daughters in attendance. Dennis' train garden has brought many smiles, created many memories, and brought much joy to all staff, Center members, program participants and visitors.

The Train Garden will be displayed in the main lobby of the Gary J. Arthur Community Center until the end of January. We look forward to this being an annual tradition for all to enjoy during the holiday season.

Thank you,



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