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BERWICK CIVIC ASSOCIATION—A COMMUNITY
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NEIGHBORS!



Letter from The President

Welcome to Spring Berwick friends and neighbors:

There was a time when I would have told you to open your windows and let the fresh spring air in. But it's a different time and day and it's important to remember the world around us is changing. You can open the windows but please don't leave them unattended, and close your garage doors while working outside when you are out of the sight of this entry point to your home.

Please continue to be "Neighborhood Smart". We all live in Berwick and I'm asking everyone to take ownership in what happens around you. Get to know your neighborhood and have a fair sense of knowing what is normal and what's not. Please continue to report all suspicious activity to our Columbus Police at 645-4545 and all other City relates issues 645-3111.

With your continued support our neighborhood will continue to be one of Columbus top 10 Neighborhoods, but we must all take part in keeping Berwick at that level.

What make's Berwick unique is all of us who call this neighborhood home. We have walkers, runners, bikers, sightseers, dog walkers, and religious worshippers. I have a concern for all of you, it still gets dark and dark clothing should not be worn after dusk. Please dress to be safe. If you are wearing dark colors please invest in a reflective vest, it save lives and/or grief. Please help us to see you.

The City's difficult time allows us to become closer, ask your neighbors to join with you to have yard waste picked up and share the cost. What a great way to make friends?

Reminder of great news, **Berwick Alternative School** is now a neighborhood School please contact the school at 365-6140 for additional information

Slow down!!! Neighbors are complaining about vehicle speed in the neighborhood. I must remind them that the majority of the vehicles in Berwick are our neighbors. If we slow down then other will too, I find myself now paying more attention to my speed, my attempt to lead by example. With more activity on our streets now is the time to be "Neighborhood Smart".

I will conclude with this, "Neighborhood Smart" means taking pride in where you live. Our new neighborhood school has given our community a new burst of energy. We must plan smart for the future. Soon we will see an increase in children, if we leave trash on our streets they will put trash on our street, if we speed they will speed, if we have no respect for our neighbors they won't either.

Help by being "Neighborhood Smart". Be safe and enjoy the Spring.

The Prez
Bruce T. Black
btblack@columbus.gov



Blockwatch

BERWICK BLOCKWATCH IMPLEMENTATION: CANVASSING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO BEGIN MAY 2, 2009

Lloyd Clark, BCA Blockwatch Chairman, and Deborah Points, Vice-Chairman, conducted a Training Session for Blockwatch Volunteers at our meeting on March 3, 2009 which was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. This was the third meeting in a series designed to inform the community of the purpose, responsibilities/roles of its members, organizational structure, goals, plan/strategies, recruit volunteers, training, and to solicit ideas/suggestions for implementation of the BCA Blockwatch Plan. Blockwatch Training materials were passed out as well as Blockwatch Signs for members. Based on the community input, it was decided that we work from the "bottom up" since Berwick encompasses an area

comprised of 1600 residents and recruit additional Zone Captains for our three Zones (A, B, & C). We will break down Berwick into much smaller areas where folks can get to know residents as we plan to sponsor various activities, i.e. Cookouts, bicycling, walking, etc. The plan is to contact our Blockwatch volunteers to canvass the neighborhoods and inform residents of our Blockwatch program, distribute information regarding Blockwatch activities and important contacts within our organization such as the Precinct Liaison Officer, Jarrod James. We also can determine by your street address what zone you reside in and who eventually will be assigned to be the contact person/Zone Captain.

We will be calling residents who signed up as volunteers to participate in our "*Canvassing the Neighborhood*" campaign on **May 2, 2009**. Details of this event will be forthcoming.

The downsizing of our economy has

increased the importance of Neighborhood Block watches due to the increase in crime and police budget cuts. This is why it is so important to become the "eyes and ears" of the neighborhood and join your neighborhood Blockwatch. It's as easy as calling **614.Berwick (237.9425)**. I am pleased to see the interest and enthusiasm from our members and I welcome your suggestions.

We also need volunteers to serve as coordinators for the May 3, 2009 Israel 61st Anniversary Independence Day Celebration for the 5K Run/Walk in Berwick. Contact BCA Trustee and Blockwatch volunteer, Carrie Rosen (crblinds@yahoo.com), for more information or Avi Kagan at kan@tcjf.org <<mailto:akagan@tcjf.org>> or **614.559.3212**.

*Lloyd Clark,
Blockwatch Chairman*

Berwick Membership News

Thank you current BCA members and welcome to the non-members. Berwick has 1,600 residential homes within our community and, so far in 2009, we have 230 paid members. Our target is for 2009 to be a record breaking paid membership year for the BCA by asking those that have not yet sent in your dues to please make that commitment.

For only \$20 for 2009, which is only .056 cents per day to help maintain our wonderful area, print and distribute our newsletter, advertise the annual garage sale, produce the National Night Out program, maintain connection via phone and internet to BCA Board members (614-Berwick) (237-9485) and

www.614berwick.com), community clean-ups along with community beautification.

If you are a member again, we thank you for your dedication and commitment and remind your neighbors if they are not members of the BCA to please join by sending their dues to:

BERWICK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
ATTN: MEMBERSHIP DUES
P O BOX 09022
COLUMBUS, OH 43209

2009 Household dues are \$20

Business dues are \$75 if you are a paid member \$85 if you are not. This

fee entitles businesses to four business card advertisements in the BCA newsletter. Where else can you advertise your business at this price and belong to a very active civic association?

Thank you for your support.

Angie Black
Membership Chair

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614-berwick
(614-237-9425)

Berwick Power Outages

Lloyd Clark brought up the issue of power outages based on community input he has received at the March 3, 2009 BCA meeting. In a recent Dispatch Article, the Berwick Community ranked #8 out of 15 in terms of the worst power outages in Franklin County. As a result, Mr. Clark sent a letter to Mary Flint, AEP Community Affairs and Faith Pointer requesting factual information for selected areas pertaining to the causes, frequency, duration, current policies and procedures to resolve power outages, and if there are any plans to upgrade the electric system. In many cases, residents have remained without power for several days. This has an adverse effect on the health, welfare and quality of life in particular for our most senior residents.

Mr. Clark also extended an invitation for an AEP Representative to speak at the next BCA Civic Association meeting to be held **April 7, 2009** at the Lower level of the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

I would encourage residents to also send complaints regarding electric issues to: Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), the residential utility consumer advocate, represents the interests of 4.5 million households in proceedings before state and federal regulators and in the courts. The state agency also educates consumers about electric, natural gas, telephone and water issues and resolves complaints from individuals. To receive utility information, brochures, schedule a presentation or file a utility complaint, residential consumers may call **1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622)** toll free in Ohio or visit the OCC Web site at www.pickocc.org.

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From Our Kitchens



Gelsilica's Key Lime Pie

- 6oz. can frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
- 14oz. can sweeten condensed milk
- 9oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 9 inch graham cracker pie crust

Combine limeade, condensed milk and whipped topping in a large mixing bowl; mix well.

Pour into pie crust; freeze until firm, about 3 to 4 hours. Serves 8

Spread some extra whipped topping on top!

Gelsilica's Lemon Chicken

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning

Place chicken in a greased 13"x9" baking pan; set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients; pour over chicken.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE?



Submit your recipe to be printed in the newsletter and in our new cookbook "Our Kitchens."

Deadline for submission is June 1, 2009. Please email to Barbara Backus at bjbackus@aol.com or mail to 1200 Kenwick Road, Columbus, OH 43209.

This cookbook will be used as a fundraiser for the Civic Association. It can be purchased at the National Night Out in August.

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BERWICK CALENDAR

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

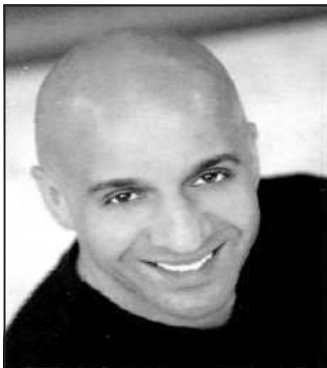
- May 5** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- June 2** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- June 26—28** Annual Yard Sale
- July 7** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- August 4** National Night Out
- September 1** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- October 6** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran

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RESIDENTIAL DUES: \$20 PER YEAR

- ☐ YES, MY HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE MEMBER OF THE BCA.
PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED DUES OF \$20 FOR ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP.
- ☐ OUR HOUSEHOLD WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TOWARDS THE EFFORTS BY
THE BCA. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED \$_____.

BUSINESS DUES: \$65 PER YEAR (RESIDENT)

\$85 PER YEAR (NOT A RESIDENT)

(Four advertisements in newsletter. All advertisements are subject to BCA approval)

- ☐ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE BCA EFFORTS AND ADVERTISE IN THE BCA NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE FIND MY DONATION OF:
\$ _____ AND MY BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS I WISH PLACE IN THE NEWSLETTER.
- ☐ MY BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TOWARDS THE EFFORTS OF THE
BCA. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED \$_____.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER? – Please be sure to fill in your contact info.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE BCA.

_____ BLOCKWATCH _____ NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
_____ COMMUNITY CLEAN UP _____ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
_____ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT _____ OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR UPDATES, ETC.? Please be sure to fill in your contact info.

YES, I WOULD LIKE COMMUNITY UPDATES VIA E-MAIL.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!



REMINDER ...

BERWICK ANNUAL GARAGE SALE JUNE 26-28, 2009

Time: Up to You

An ad will be placed in the Dispatch and Bexley, Canal Winchester, Whitehall Suburban Papers to run June 26, 27, 28 and will be on the Dispatch Web Site.

Neighborhood Beautification

Spring and warm weather are here and hopefully to stay! The neighborhood beautification committee has a few reminders for the Berwick Community:

Yard Waste Removal

Last January, in order to reduce expenses to address a budget shortfall, the City of Columbus canceled its contract with Rumpke for yard waste removal. Previously to January, Rumpke was the service that would collect yard waste placed at the curb every Tuesday in Berwick.

Please do not place leaf bags or yard waste containers on the curb for collection unless you have paid for the service.

The city is still exploring options to reintroduce this program, but in the mean time the following options are available to recycle yard waste by dropping it off at select locations.

1. Com-Til, the City's compost facility (no grass clippings), 7000 Jackson Pike, Columbus (614 645-3152).
2. Kurtz Bros. and Mulch Manufacturing Inc. accept leaves, grass clippings, small branches and holiday trees at the locations listed below. Yard-Waste should include only organic materials from your own yard. They will not accept waste in plastic bags. You may be asked to show proof that you are a Columbus or Franklin County resident. These locations accept these materials free of charge only from residents. Professional landscapers are required to pay a fee to drop off yard waste for recycling.
 - 2850 Rohr Road, Groveport (Kurtz Bros.) (614 491-0868)
 - 6055-C Westerville Road, Westerville (Kurtz Bros.) (614 882-0200)
 - 6279 Houchard Road, Dublin (Kurtz Bros.) (614 873-2000)
 - 6747 Taylor Road S.W. (Mulch Manufacturing, Inc.) (614 864-4004)

The Ohio Mulch locations listed below are also accepting yard waste at no charge from Columbus residents.

Please be prepared with a driver's license or some form of documentation identifying you as a Columbus resident, otherwise you will be charged. Again, the Yard-Waste should include only organic materials from your own yard. Yard waste bagged in plastic will not be accepted. Posted signs referring to a \$12 fee do not apply to Columbus residents dropping off residential yard waste.

- 4120 Roberts Road, Columbus (Ohio Mulch) (614 921-9330)
- 4665 Westerville Rd. (Ohio Mulch) (614 891-3242)
- 1600 Universal Rd. (Ohio Mulch) (614 445-4455)
- 537 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd. (Ohio Mulch) (614 863-0445)

Grass Clippings: Returning grass clippings to the yard keeps your grass healthy and saves space in the landfill. In fact, grass clippings contain valuable nutrients that can generate up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs. Grass clippings do not contribute to thatch since grass clippings are 75 percent to 85 percent water and decompose readily.

Composting: Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings, dead flowers and ash from burnt wood can be composted and not only to reduce yard waste, but nourish your landscaping. Composted materials provide important nutrients for soil and plants. For more information on composting, visit <http://refuse.ci.columbus.oh.us/pdfs/compostingforwebreadi.pdf>

Do Not Burn Yard Waste: Burning yard waste sends million of spores aloft, causes breathing problems for many sensitive individuals and is prohibited by local ordinances. Ohio Law further prohibits the burning of food wastes and other garbage. Also prohibited are the burning of any materials during an air pollution warning, as well as private burning of any items collected off-site. For example, a tree-trimming contractor may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

This information and much more can be found on the following web page: <http://refuse.ci.columbus.oh.us/yardwaste.htm>

Neighborhood Trash and Litter Pickup

The Beautification Committee would also like to encourage the Berwick community to pick up any trash or litter you may find in our streets. While this is not a fun activity by any means, eliminating and reducing the amount of litter in our streets dramatically improves the quality and perception of our neighborhood. A clean and litter free community is perceived by outsiders as a community that cares about its neighborhood.



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