

# Brandywine Meadows Civic Association

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## Blockwatch Update

For the benefit of those residents who are not current on events occurring in our neighborhood, this is a recap and update of recent incidents.

On April 5th, between the hours of 8:15pm and 8:30pm, a long time resident of the neighborhood was assaulted and an attempted rape occurred. The victim was walking within the neighborhood just prior to sunset. The victim was stalked from one area of the neighborhood to another. In the area of Glenhaven and Berthstone Drives, the victim was attacked from behind, knocked to the ground. She suffered injuries to the face and torso area after being pummeled while lying on the ground. After the victim was unable to resist, the suspect dragged her to the rear of one of the residence in that area. In the backyard of one residence, the suspect attempted to rape the victim.

Luckily, an alert resident heard screams from the victim and called the police immediately. The suspect was last seen by several witnesses, running on foot Northbound on Glenhaven towards Bretton Woods Dr.

This incident occurred in the midst of a quiet period in our neighborhood. Since the inception of the Blockwatch Program, we have been very successful in reducing the number and severity of incidents. This obviously came as a shock for most residents.

The incident in general is a very vicious, violent crime. This was a crime of opportunity, as far as can be identified; there was no planned or ulterior motive. What is of concern is that, the suspect could have chosen anyone based on opportunity. There didn't seem to be any specific criteria for the suspect. In that any offender would commit such a

crime is not only brazen, appalling and audacious; the circumstances of the act is deplorably heinous. The sadistic ferocity of the assault shows the lack of humanity possessed by the suspect.

The injuries suffered by the victim included internal bleeding in the brain, clotting and other complications arising from the bleeding. Initially, the victim was stable, but took a turn for the worse. Last week, the victim underwent surgery to alleviate clotting and pressure build up in the brain. Aside from the physical injuries sustained, there was an immeasurable amount of traumatic stress.

**It is with pleasure that I am able to convey that the suspect in the recent attempted rape incident, have been caught. The suspect was arrested last Saturday, the 30th. The investigation by the police continues.**

I am unhappy to report that the suspect is a resident of this community. Needless to say that the fact that he is a resident, is very unsettling. The suspect had previously been charge with assault in similar circumstances and had been suspected in numerous other illegal activities as well as having convictions of other crimes.

The arrest is the result of vigilance by the Blockwatch Members as well as extremely professional work by the Detective Bureau's Sexual Abuse Squad. It should be noted that the Blockwatch contributed immensely to this case.

Other details are unavailable at this time.

### Street Lights

Many residents and Columbus police feel street lights are necessary in Brandywine Meadows. The petition process will start soon. How do you feel about this issue? Home owners may voice their opinion at the BMCA meeting May 17 at 7:30.

### Porch Lights

Many residents have installed more lighting on their homes. Block Watch thanks you for helping us with this issue. We are able to see much better at night.

### BMCA General Meeting

The BMCA General meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm**. Speaker Mike Smeltzer from the safety department will be speaking about the " keeps kids alive" campaign and what we can do about speeding. Yard signs will be available for you to put on your property reminding cars to drive 25. If you have small children please plan to attend.

### Reminder

Please put away your green trash container after it is picked up. Do not leave your trash container at the curb more than 24 hours.



### Northland Community Council Clean-Up Planned

The city of Columbus mows the grass on 161 four times a year. The Northland Community Council also helps maintain the trees and grass on 161 at about \$12, 000.00 annually. They will be having several clean-ups and tree maintenance meeting dates planned in the near future. If you would like to help with the Dublin- Granville Road maintenance program please contact George Schmidt at 895- 7459.

### Visit our community web-site at:

**www.neighborhoodlink.com** Updates on important issues are posted frequently



### BMCA OFFICERS

President..Michelle Roskuski 428-8438

Vice-President..Kam NG 478-8558

Secretary.. Deborah Bowers 337-1142

Treasurer.. Barb Dahmke 478-2812

Block Watch.. Cheri Raker 476-31

### Advertise In the BMCA Newsletter

For as little as \$10.00 per month you can reach our neighborhood of 450 homes. Call Michelle at 428-8438 for more information.

### Teen Directory

Area teens who can volunteer services through-out the neighborhood may post an ad for free. If you would like to advertise for babysitting, yard care, or pet sitting please contact Michelle at 428-8438.

### Honoring Brandywine's Graduates



Honor your graduating 12th grader by putting their name in the Brandywine Meadows newsletter. Students who are graduating in 2005 will be honored in our June issue.

### Fire Hydrant Flushing

Look for Columbus city fire department workers flushing the fire hydrants during the next few months. All fire hydrants in central Ohio will be checked and flushed during spring and summer 2005.

### Code enforcement

If you are having difficulty with neighbors who are in violation of City Code enforcement guidelines such as weeds, broken down vehicles, old tires, or junk on the side of property please let me know. Report Problems to Michelle at 428-8438.



### Join The Brandywine Meadows Civic Association Today!

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Your financial support is needed right here, right now, in **your** community. Your \$24.00 per year (\$2.00 per month) helps to fund our on-going efforts to make Brandywine a great place to live. As a paid member, events through the BMCA are free. That includes community garage sales, holiday events, National Night Out, and the community 4th of July parade. Your membership is good from September to September. Please makes checks payable to BMCA. Mail today!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

comments

Mail to:

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### Garage Sale

Clean out your garages, basements, or closets and get rid off all your unwanted stuff! Your invited to participate in the BMCA garage sale. Members of the BMCA can participate at no cost. Are you a member? If not the charge for non-member participation is \$ 5.00. Advertisements will be posted in 3 local papers, maps to visitors will be distributed, and a large display sign will face Cleveland Ave a week before the sale. If you participate in the garage sale that day, you **must** register. Fill out the form and drop it off with your \$5.00 fee to Michelle 4589 Glenhaven Dr. Checks may be made out to BMCA



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of BMCA?    yes    no

**Northland Area Teens**

The NCC will select, again this year, a young man and a young woman who best represents the outstanding potential of the youth in our community. The best of the Northland winners will ride in the Northland Parade and will receive \$200.00 awards toward school. If you are interested in trying out for one of these awards, please let Michelle know at 428-8438. The deadline for all entries is June 1.

**Northland Area Business Association Golf Tournament**

The Northland Area Business Association (NABA) is entertaining a Golf Tournament at the Little Turtle Country Club on **August 8th, 2005**, from 11:00 a.m. (Registration) until 7:00 p.m. (Dinner). If you are interested in participating please contact Chuck Wolfe at 337-9620.

**Self Defense Class**

Please check our web-site under the community calendar link for updates. The Minerva Park police department is still working on the date. Mothers with teen daughters are encouraged to attend.

**Call before you dig**

**1800-362-2764**

**Local Area Garage Sales**

**Sharon Woods - Garage Sale May 21**

**Minerva Park- Garage Sale May 21**

**Maize-Morse - Garage sale will be June 3 and 4**

**Entrance Sign**

The entrance sign for Brandywine Meadows is still planned, but at the request of Creative Housing, Inc., has been put on hold until after construction of the apartments. Damage could occur to the sign during the construction process so waiting seems to be a good idea. It is not known at this time when the construction on the units will be started, but should be soon.

**Newsletter Now On-line**

Need the latest issue of the BMCA newsletter? You may now download current issues from our community web-site at [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com). All newsletters will be in a pdf format.



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If you're in need of a friendly real estate agent, call me. I believe in good old-fashioned personal service – and the success of my real estate business reflects that belief. So when you need the expertise of a professional agent, look no further. A client's satisfaction is, and always has been, my top priority. I'll make it easy for you to sell your house and/or purchase a home.

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