

BIRCHWOOD/CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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P.O. BOX 7, OXON HILL, MD 20745**

PLEASE COME OUT TO THE COMMUNITY MEETING ON Wed April 15th, AT THE REC. CENTER, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Opening: Silent Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Discussion: Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and Birchwood/Clearview Community Day

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT: SYLVIA M. GRIFFIN: I would like to thank everyone for your support in coming out in great numbers at our last community meeting regarding the "Neighborhood Crime Watch Program." There is great strength in numbers. We will continue putting forth efforts to make this a very effective program for our community.

The Police were very impressed with the large number of you who attended the March meeting and said such a large number of people lets the police know that residents are serious about a Neighborhood Watch Program. So, please come to the community meetings, including the April 15th meeting and sign the petition attached to this newsletter. The Police provided the following safety tips:

- Make your home looked lived in if you go away; ask a neighbor to keep an eye out for you; suspend your newspaper and mail delivery or have someone else collect your mail; leave a shade up on your top level so it appears that someone is home.
- Leave a light or radio on and a timer.
- Remove ladders from around your yard that a thief can easily climb up to break in your home.
- Cut all shrubbery and trees around your house that could hide someone.
- Install alarms and motion lights/detectors.
- Give your telephone number to your neighbors.
- Check on your neighbors, especially the senior citizens.
- Do not leave your house keys in the inside door locks if your doors are near windows; instead place the keys in a special place where only family members know the location.
- Lock your car when you are getting gas.
- Keep items in cars out of view; do not place your purse on the front seat of your car.
- Do not walk into an ongoing robbery; instead go in another direction.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Clean-Up. Please remove all trash, cars and trucks from your yards. Prince George's County officials will take part in the parade. Let us show them that Birchwood/Clearview residents keep their property up to all standards.

DUMPING IN COMMUNITY/PARKING ON GRASS: It is sad to mention that there is still dumping going on in our community. People are throwing trash, tires, appliances, and much more in areas where dumping is prohibited. Please note that it is illegal for any commercial vehicles to be parked in the community. If you notice this type of activity, please report it to: PG County official Haithan Hijzai 301-883-5600 or email: hahijazi@co.pg.md.us

YOUTH CORNER: At the March meeting, Ms. Michelle Ross, one of BCCA's Youth Coordinators, presented a \$50.00 Savings Bond to Ms. Brittany Seawright, winner of BCCA's Black History Youth Contest. Brittany's poster on Ms. Rosa Parks will be on display at our April's community meeting. Ms. Ross also acknowledged Miracle, a young lady, who led a team of young people who helped deliver BCCA's March newsletters and she acknowledged other young people who are helping to plan and take part in our Community Day/Parade. They are receiving community service hours. If any other youth would like to join them, please call 301-839-2268 or 301-749-5809.

OXON HILL FOOD PANTY 4915 Saint Barnabas Rd, Temple Hill, MD 20748 needs donations. Please bring your donations to the monthly community meetings held every third Wednesday of the month at the Birchwood Recreation Center. Please donate non-perishable foods or make a monetary donation. You can contact the following BCCA members if you have any questions: **Doris Saunders 301-839-1127, Edith King 301-839-4868 and Michelle Ross 301-839-2268.**

BCCA'S BUSINESS DIRECTORY: The Association would like to establish a business directory for the community. All business owners who wish to post advertisements for the (BCCA) Business Directory please contact: Ms. Cecelia Logan 301-686-0236 for further detail on cost of ad or Ms. Lucy Hall 301-839-0499.

BCCA's Website!!: Thanks to BCCA's Secretary, Ms. Doris Saunders, we now have a free website. Please click on www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc/ This will give community residents an opportunity to view helpful information on the Internet. This is your Association working hard for you.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAM PETITION:

Prince George's Police Department said that residents of our community must show that we want a Neighborhood Watch Program by signing a petition. Please sign the petition below and either bring it to the meeting on Wednesday night April 15th or mail it to BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 as soon as possible.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAM PETITION

We, the undersigned, agree to have/or participate in the Birchwood City-Clearview Community's NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM. In doing so, we will look out for our neighbors and report suspicious activity to the Prince George's Police Department. Let us keep our community safe to live.

NAME	ADDRESS	HOME TELEPHONE	WORK TELEPHONE	EMAIL

**BIRCHWOOD CITY
CLEARVIEW MANOR**

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY
AND PARADE**

(Line-up at 9:30am Recreation Center)

**Birchwood City Recreation Center - 1331 Fenwood Place, Oxon Hill, MD
Saturday, MAY 16, 2009, 9:00AM-4:00PM**

Food, Games, Fun FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Community Service Hours Available for the Youth, Call 301-839-2268 or 301-749-5809

Prizes, Fingerprinting, LOLLIPOP TREE SKATE MOBILE

County Information, Oxon Hill Library - Meet your Public Officials

DJ And Live Entertainment - (Steppers, Cheerleaders and Rappers)

Moonbounce

Basketball Free-Throw Contest, Cake Walk, Face Painting

Jamalamadingdong the Clown

Flea Market:

(Tables Are Available)

To reserve a table, please contact Ms. King 301-839-4868 or Ms. Saunders 301-839-1127.

Bands, Marching Groups, Steppers are needed for the parade. Also, Volunteers and Financial Donations Are Needed. Please call 301-839-6719, 301-839-5439 or 301-502-

