

BIRCHWOOD/CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE COME OUT TO THE COMMUNITY MEETING ON Wed. May 20th, RECREATION CENTER, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Opening: Silent Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Discussion: Neighborhood Watch Program

Reminder: Birchwood/Clearview Annual Community Day and Parade

Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Birchwood Recreation Center - 1331 Fenwood Place, Oxon Hill, MD

(Parade Lines-up at 9:30 am at the Recreation Center)

Food, Vendors, Games, Fun for the Entire Family

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT: SYLVIA M. GRIFFIN - Food for thought -

Are you Miserable or Happy? When you ask miserable persons, "What's new?" they say, "Nothing." Miserable people haven't done anything new in years. Happy people love to try new things. And when they encounter a problem they think of it as an adventure. If they get lost on their way somewhere, they say, "All right; an adventure!" When the power goes out during a storm, happy people gather flashlights and tell stories on the couch, or do shadow puppets on the wall. If they are caught in a cloudburst, they sing and dance in the puddles. Miserable people, on the other hand, don't see an opportunity for adventure; they just think they're being picked on. They will ask themselves, "What did I do to deserve this?" or, "Why does this always happen to me?" Happy people turn adversities into big adventures. What type of person are you?

ELECTION OF BIRCHWOOD/CLEARVIEW ASSOCIATION'S OFFICERS: This is a notice of a general election for 2009-2011 officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasury) at our June community meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please come out to express your interest.

BCCA's Website - Please click on www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc/ for information related to our community. This will give all of you an opportunity to view helpful information on the Internet. We also have a BCCA email. You may now contact BCCA by sending your emails to: bccacommunity@yahoo.com. This is your Association working hard for you.

OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY 4915 Saint Barnabas Rd, Temple Hill, MD 20748 Needs

Donations. Please donate non-perishable foods or make a monetary donation. Please bring your donations to the monthly community meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Birchwood Recreation Center. If you have any questions, please contact the following BCCA members: Doris Saunders 301-839-1127, Edith King 301-839-4868 or Michelle Ross 301-839-2268.

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

YOUTH CORNER:

Thank You to the young people who helped to deliver BCCA's April newsletters and those youth who are taking part in our Community Day and Parade. They are receiving community service hours. If any other youth would like to join them, please call BCCA's Youth Coordinators on 301-839-2268 or 301-749-5809.

2009 Summer Playgrounds At Birchwood City Recreation Center

Summer playgrounds offer games, crafts, and other fun activities for Prince George's County residents, ages 6 to 12, (Must be 6 by August 31, 2009), Mondays-Fridays, from 9 am-3 pm, June 29 until August 7. The fee is \$25 per child. Optional field trips and special events may be offered for additional fees. To register, please call 301-203-6000; TTY 301-203-6030, SMARTLINK 138910.

Martial Arts Classes

FOR ALL AGES!!! Support the Birchwood/Clearview Association by REGISTERING ON the M-NCPPC SMARTLINK: Classes are held on Mon. and Thurs. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Recreation Center. Please call Birchwood resident Mr. Lawrence Ford at 301-567-0681.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - Property Code Violations: In efforts to help maintain the upkeep of this community, the Association will take action to remedy property code violations by sending out notices. If corrections are not made based on the first notice, another notice will be given. If the violations are still not corrected within a timely manner, it will then be passed on to the Prince George's County Housing Code Official who can issue fines and will continue to fine until the matter is corrected. Some of the violations of great concerns are: cars or commercial vehicles parked on lawns, trash or debris left on property, or any accumulation of "stuff" in the yard.

NOTICE: To All Persons in Birchwood City/Clearview Manor: **IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO USE OR SHOOT FIREWORKS/FIRECRACKERS IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY--THE COUNTY IN WHICH WE LIVE.**

All fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County. It is a danger and a nuisance to you and your neighbors. According to law enforcement officials, about 10,000 people in the United States are injured each year by fireworks, and a few are killed. If you use any fireworks, you could go to jail and/or pay a fine. Prince George's County's **Fire Safety Law SEC 11 states it is against the law to shoot fireworks in Prince George's County, and the penalties for violation of the law include a FINE UP TO \$1,000 AND/OR SIX MONTHS IN JAIL.** Please call the Police on 911 and give the address where fireworks are being used.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The Association is still in need of more signatures to implement the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. In order to establish our Neighborhood Watch Program, PG's Police Department requested that at least 50 percent of the community residents sign a petition to show their support for such a program. As of now, we are not close to half of the needed signatures. If you have not signed, please sign the attached petition and either bring it to Community Day, May 16th or the meeting on Wednesday night May 20th. You may also mail it to BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD 20745, as soon as possible. **Please remember the Neighborhood Watch Program does not mean residents' acting as police officers, but it means residents watching over each other and reporting anything unusual or suspicious to the local authorities.**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM PETITION

We, the undersigned, agree to have or participate in the Birchwood City-Clearview Manor 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.

NAME	ADDRESS	HOME TELEPHONE	WORK TELEPHONE	EMAIL

You still have time to join BCCA for the year 2008-2009. Please complete the membership form and mail to the address listed below.

DETACHABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM – Please join the BCCA for the year **2008-2009** by completing this form and enclosing your annual membership fee of \$20.00 per household and any donations. Make your check payable to BCCA, and mail to P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD. 20745-0007, and include the following information:

RESIDENT'S NAME _____
ADDRESS: _____
Phone No. _____
Email: _____

Membership Dues \$ _____

DONATION \$ _____

The Civic Association needs any volunteer help you can provide. Please check which area you would like to help:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Ways & Means	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks & Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Other areas (Please Specify)	

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