

BirchwoodCity/Clearview Community Association (BCCA) Newsletter

June 2009 Edition

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PLEASE ATTEND BCCA MEETING, Wed., June 17, 2009, at Birchwood Recreation Center, 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Opening: Silent Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Election of Community Association Officers for 2009-2010
Discussion: Plans for Upcoming Year 2009-2010--including the Neighborhood Watch Program

Birchwood/Clearview 2009 Community Day Festivities



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT: SYLVIA M. GRIFFIN: It was so inspiring to see such a wonderful turn-out on Community Day on May 16th--many enjoying themselves at our annual event. I would like to thank all of the Executive Board members for their hard work in helping to put this event together. Thanks to Birchwood/Clearview residents who donated money, food, water, ice, the Community Day cake, and your time planning, shopping, cooking and serving. This contributed to the success of our Community Day.

We also thank the following food establishments for donating food: Murry's, Giant Food, Safeway and Popeye's.

We greatly appreciated all of the public and government officials who participated in and/or supported our Community Day including U.S. Congresswoman Edwards; State Senator Muse; County Executive Johnson; Council Member Knotts; Delegates Veronica Turner and Jay Walker; Ms. Debra Savoy, Regional Mgr. MD Parks and Planning; Prince George Police Chief Hylton, Commander Cunningham (Dist. IV), Corporal Blanchard and all of the police officers; Sheriff Jackson and his staff; Oxon Hill Library; MD Dept of Aging Secretary Lawlah; and Acting Fire Chief Jones and his Community Outreach staff.

It was also wonderful to have our young people involved in this event. Thank you to all of the entertainers: (Birchwood Dancers, Mount Airy Baptist Church Liturgical Dancers, Iverson Mall Walkers and Tyronda Boone and students. Thank you to Lottie Mae and Mia for doing a wonderful job on the "spoken word." What an inspiration that was to hear!) Thanks to Tony Austin and Napoleon Griffin for providing the music for Community Day and the parade. We thank all of the vendors, the clown and the face painters and of course THANK YOU to all of you who came out to enjoy the family festivities.

Coming together on such an occasion as this really expresses a sense of community. On that note, the Association is now coming to a summer close for the months of July and August. It has been a very exciting and fulfilling 10 months, with all the planning and implementing. I would like to thank all of Birchwood/Clearview's dedicated board members for their never ending hard work as well as concerned residents who have supported the Association by giving of their time and donations. The Association will resume in September and we are looking forward to yet another exciting year. I would like to encourage everyone to enjoy your summer and be safe, please use all safety measures securing your home when away on vacation. Stay safe and may God bless.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The Association is still in need of more signatures to implement the Neighborhood 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. If you have not signed, please sign the petition below and either bring it to the meeting on Wednesday night June 17th or 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 will act like police officers, but it means residents will look out for each other and report 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

FREEDOM MANOR an event and training facility located in the Broad Creek Historic District of Fort Washington, MD, at 10905 Livingston Rd--near Harmony Hall. (www.freedommanor.com (301-203-0619) just celebrated **Juneteenth** on June 6 and featured one of our Community Day performers--teacher, Tyronda Boone and the Rock Stars of Education. Please call 301-928-2058 or visit www.accesstheexperience.com.

YOUTH CORNER

Maryland Parks and Planning 2009 Summer Playgrounds At Birchwood City Recreation Center

Summer playgrounds offer games, crafts, and other fun activities for PG County residents, ages 6 to 12, (Must be 6 by August 31, 2009), Mondays-Fridays, from 9 am-3 pm, June 29 to August 7. The fee is \$25 per child. To register, please call 301-203-6000; TTY 301-203-6030, SMARTLINK 138910.

NOTICE: IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO USE OR SHOOT FIREWORKS/FIRECRACKERS IN BIRCHWOOD CITY/CLEARVIEW MANOR

All fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County. Fireworks are a danger and a nuisance to you and your neighbors. 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**. Call the Police on 911 and give the address where fireworks are being used.

APPRECIATION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND RESIDENTS FOR MANY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS led by the Association's President Sylvia Griffin--along with Executive Board members: Joy Bell, Brenda Brown, Lawrence Ford, Lucy Hall, Donald Hanciles, Nell Harrington, Donna Joyner, Edith King, Lottie McCoy, Dorothy Monroe, Shirley O'Bannon, Mr. & Mrs. Picot, Michelle Ross, Doris Saunders, Gloria Hernandez-Saunders, Mr. & Mrs. Spears, Percell Walker and Harold Webster.

The Community Association's 2008-2009 year comes to a close June 2009. What a banner year!! The Executive Board activities, along with financial donations and volunteer assistance from you Birchwood/Clearview residents, resulted in many **accomplishments** this year including: Speed Humps on Galloway Drive, Family Fall (Halloween) Party, Breakfast with Santa, Free BCCA Website and Email, Donations to Oxon Hill Food Pantry, Family Valentine's Party, Youth Black History Contest, Completion of the Pavilion at the Park, Community Service Hours for our Youth, Clean-Up of the Wooded Area behind Galloway Drive, Start-Up of a Neighborhood Watch Program and Birchwood/Clearview great Community Day. Thank You Birchwood/Clearview Executive Board and You the Residents for Helping to Make These Accomplishments Possible.

APPRECIATION TO BCCA NEWSLETTER TEAM. Each month, they write the newsletter, print it and deliver it to the door of each house. THANK YOU to D. Brooks, Barbara Brown, Brenda Brown, C. Colbert, S. Coster, D. Fentress, S. Griffin, L. Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Henry, E. King, W. Jernigan, D. Joyner, C. Logan, C. Mack, L. McCoy, D. Monroe, Mr. & Mrs. O'Bannon, M. Ross

(coordinator of our youth volunteer carriers--S. Cooper, K. Morgan, M. Prue, V. Saunders), G. Hernandez-Saunders, K. Scott, C. Spears, J. Stevenson. THANK YOU to Mr. & Mrs. Picot for not only delivering the newsletter but also organizing it into bundles and delivering it to each newsletter carrier. Last, but certainly not least THANK YOU to E. Harris, our Resident Printer (Harris Printing Service, 5610 Galloway Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745. Telephone 301 567-1929).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

The Association's new year 2009-2010 will start in September 2009. While there will not be any community meetings scheduled for July and August, the Executive Board will still meet to plan for the new year. If you have any suggestions to help improve the Association, please email your suggestion to bccacommunity@yahoo.com or call BCCA President, Ms. Griffin, on 301-839-6719.

In addition, we need your help on BCCA committees. We have leaders for the following committees: Membership, Youth, Publicity, Hospitality, Beautification, Recreation, and Legislation. However, we still need volunteers to assist on these committees. Leadership for the following community Association committees is **vacant**.

Education (to stay abreast on any educational activities affecting the community, including scholarships for our youth);

Ways and Means (to plan fundraisers for the community Association);

Community Relations (to keep the community informed of services such as senior citizens, day care and veterans services); and

Public Affairs (to keep the community informed of issues relating to zoning, public transportation, and safety).

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2009-2010 BCCA Officers

There are four nominees for the four elected Community Association positions. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Wed. night meeting, after which, the election will be held.

Birchwood City/Clearview Manor Community Association Business Directory

June 2009

Dear Patron:

The Birchwood/Clearview Community Association is establishing a Community Business Directory. We represent a diversified, family-oriented community of over 800 homes located in Oxon Hill, MD, and require many services from businesses. Currently, the Association is gearing up its fundraising activities for the Youth Committee. This Committee provides enrichment activities including workshops, scholarships, and recreational events for the community's younger citizens. Our goal is to raise at least \$5,000 to help facilitate these activities for the youth in 2009-2010.

This is where you can help. We invite you to take part in our community efforts to help our youth by placing an ad in our business directory, which will be distributed throughout our community. **Please complete the form below and attach your ad and mail to BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.** The deadline for ad submission is July 31, 2009. All ads will be in black and white. For additional information, please call either Cecilia Logan on 301-686-0234 or Lucy Hall on 301-502-1095.

Business Directory Ads

Please select the size for your business ad to be placed in the Birchwood/Clearview Community Association Business Directory.

Residents of Birchwood City/Clearview Manor	Non Residents
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page - \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page - \$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One-Half Page - \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Half Page - \$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> One-Fourth Page - \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Fourth Page - \$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card - \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card - \$45.00

Name _____

Address _____

Amount
Enclosed\$ _____

(Please make check payable to BCCA)

We appreciate your contribution.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Griffin
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President

Visit our website at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc/
Email us at: bccacommunity@yahoo.com.