

# **BIRCHWOOD CITY-CLEARVIEW MANOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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<b>For additional community information, please go to BCCA's Website:</b> <a href="http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc">www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc</a>	<b>WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT CARES</b> 	<b>NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING</b> <b>Wed. November 18, 2009</b> <b>Recreation Center 7:00</b> <b>PM</b> <b>PLEASE ATTEND</b>
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## **AGENDA - COMMUNITY MEETING Nov. 18, 2009**

Opening Remarks

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

**HOT TOPIC: Speaker James Soresi: Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation**

**All homeowners should attend this community meeting: THIS IS YOUR TIME TO ASK  
QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES.**

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT: SYLVIA M. GRIFFIN:**

**Thanksgiving** is now upon us; it is a time celebrated together with our family and friends to express gratitude for everything we have. This is something we should not take lightly, because there are so many people who may not have those simple pleasures of family and friends. Let us not just wait for those special holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas to reflect or give thanks, but let us reflect and give thanks everyday of our lives. Let us share with those less fortunate than we are--let us all reflect on the giving more than the receiving, especially now with so many hurting families in this country. Also, let us impart in our children the true meaning of **Thanksgiving**--make your own family tradition for your children. For example, have them write on a piece a paper what they are thankful for--insert it in a box and read it later on. So, remember take the time everyday to reflect on being thankful for what you have.

## **Calling on All Ministers and Pastors who live in the Birchwood City-Clearview Community:**

As President of the Birchwood City-Clearview Community, it would give me great pleasure to meet pastors and ministers living in the Birchwood-Clearview Community to dialogue on **OUTREACH** and how to better assist our community residents regarding actual life situations. Please contact me President, Sylvia Griffin, for further details at 301-839-6719 or email me [sygriffin@yahoo.com](mailto:sygriffin@yahoo.com). "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

## Up-Coming Event:

**Karaoke!!** - Friday, November 20, 2009

@ 7:00 pm - Recreation Center

**Want to show your stuff? Want to have some fun?**

Come out for "*Karaoke Night*. **BRING THE FAMILY! See you there!!!!!!**

**Block Captains Meeting (Neighborhood Watch Program)** - The first Block Captains' meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 18, 2009 @ 6:00 pm at the Rec Center**. Volunteers are needed for Block Captains. We need the participation from ALL Residents in the community. Please attend. Please contact Mrs. Doris Saunders 301-839-1127.

**Breakfast With Santa:**

**Saturday, December 12, 2009,**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Recreation Center-**

**Family Fun:** Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast, Games, Santa, Gift Bags. Donations would be appreciated-- fruit, children's books and games, and financial donations. If you would like to donate, please call BCCA's President, Mrs. Griffin, on 301-839-6719. We also need volunteers for the event.

## A Community That Cares

### Warm Gear Drive

It's our chance to warm our communities. Think of any outerwear that will keep someone warm -- a gently worn coat, sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt. Also, if you have any hats, scarves, gloves or mittens, they would be appreciated also. The collections will begin during our November Community meeting and will continue to be collected at the December and January meetings. So please look in your closets, take the garments to the cleaners and bring them to the November, December and/or January Community Meeting(s). Various organizations such as Old Navy, Burlington Coat Factory and local churches participate in organized coat drives, and we will connect with them to show our support. So join us as we do our part to support our community. For additional information, contact Michelle Ross on 301-839-2268.

***Warming communities....one coat at a time. Remember, we are "A Community That Cares....all year long"!***

### Food Drive:

The upcoming holidays are about celebrations, happiness and joy. However, before we celebrate, let's consider helping our community members that may need a helping hand. How can you help? Glad you asked! The next time you go to the store, just pick up non-perishable food items. Giant, Shoppers and Safeway have those wonderful 10 for \$10.00 sales. Grab 10 and bring your donations to the next Birchwood Community Meeting. That's all you have to do. If you miss November's meeting, that's okay, just bring your donations to the December meeting or call 301-839-2268 to arrange for your donation to be picked up. And, the good news is that we can help all year round, so your donations are needed now and throughout the year. So beginning with the November meeting, we will place a donation box at the entrance to the Community meeting. Or, if you wish to make a monetary donation towards a local food bank, please contact Doris Saunders on 301-839-1127 or Michelle Ross on 301-839-2268. ***Everyone counts and so does every item you donate.***

## THANK YOU CORNER

### In Appreciation to BCCA's Former Vice President Harold Webster

At the October's community meeting, BCCA's President, Mrs. Griffin, presented an Appreciation plaque to Mr. Webster for his many years of outstanding service to our community as BCCA's Vice President. We also thank Mrs. Webster for graciously assisting her husband in his activities, and we thank them for continuing to serve our community.



Former Vice President Harold Webster and Current Vice President Michelle Ross

**Thank you** to all of you who donated food, gifts, decoration, money and your time to help make our **Family Fun Night (Halloween)** a success. Thank you to the parents who came out with their children for this family fun-filled event.

### **Beautification Committee**

**Kudos and Thank You to BCCA's Beautification Committee (Chairperson Barbara Brown, Betty Woods and Joe Picot)** for the beautiful trees and shrubbery they recently planted in our community.

**Vandalism:** It is sad to announce that after the hard work performed by members of our Beautification Committee planting shrubbery and trees in our community, thieves have stolen the shrubbery around the Recreation Center. This is our community to keep up and we must maintain it. If anyone witness any form of vandalism or crime, please report it to the police. Be pro-active.

### **Prince George's County Health Department Offering Free, Walk-in Flu Shots Weekly**

Both H1N1 vaccine and seasonal flu shots will be administered every Thursday (based on vaccine availability) to Prince George's County residents in the targeted groups, at Prince George's County Health Department Immunization Clinic at the Cheverly Health Center, 3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD from 9:00 am to Noon. Before you go to the clinic, please call Dellia Williams at 301-883-7835, to determine the availability of the vaccine and whether you are in the targeted groups.

## NOTICES

**Yard Waste:** Please place yard waste (grass, leaves, small branches) on the curb for pick-up every Wednesday. It must be placed in heavy paper or plastic bags or trash cans. Branches must be tied in bundles, not more than 4 feet long and 3 inches thick, and weigh less than 60 pounds.

**Bulky Trash:** Please call 301-952-7625 for pick up of bulky trash (including furniture, washing machines, refrigerators (remove the refrigerator's door), and car tires (no more than 4)).

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**DETACHABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM**



**PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM**

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2009-2010** - Please join the BCCA by completing this form and enclosing your annual membership fee of \$20.00 per household for the year 2009-2010. 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 \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scholarship Donation\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **General Donation \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below the area of which you would like to volunteer, regardless of how little time. Please remember your volunteer service helps us to have such events as Community Day, Family Fun Night, Breakfast with Santa, Newspaper Delivery, etc...

<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 Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify)	

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