

# BIRCHWOOD CITY-CLEARVIEW MANOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## A COMMUNITY THAT CARES



For additional community information, please go to BCCA's Website: [www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING : Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 7:00 PM - Recreation Center

### PLEASE ATTEND

#### AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Your Concerns and Suggestions

## BCCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

### Trip to the National Great Blacks In Wax Museum

*BCCA is making history! Please join us as we take our 1st BCCA excursion.*

- **What:** A guided tour of the National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, Baltimore, MD
- **When:** Saturday, February 20, 2010
- **Time:** Let's meet at the Birchwood City Community Center @ 9:30am. The bus will leave promptly at 10:00am. Our tour starts at 11:00am
- **Cost:** \$11.50 per person

*We want this to be a memorable trip, so come out and join us. Tell a neighbor, family members and friends. We are limited to 22 individuals for this trip. Please RSVP to [sapphire09@comcast.net](mailto:sapphire09@comcast.net) no later than February 10, 2010, or by calling Michelle Ross @301-839-2268.*

*For more information about the museum, go to: [www.ngbiwm.com](http://www.ngbiwm.com). There will also be a sign-up sheet at the next BCCA meeting, so please come out and sign up!*

### Black History Contest: Parents - Please share this notice with your children.

Birchwood-Clearview Community Association is calling all Artists - Grades 4 - 8 and Grades 9 - 12 to help celebrate Black History Month. What you need to do: Compose a Black History Month Poster. The theme is: "Great Blacks in African American History."

- You must deliver your poster to M. Ross no later than February 10, 2010. Contact M. Ross at [sapphire09@comcast.net](mailto:sapphire09@comcast.net) to arrange for delivery or pick up of your poster.
- A panel of judges will determine the winner.
- Bring your parent or guardian to the February 17, 2010 BCCA meeting.
- The winner will be announced at the February 17, 2010 BCCA meeting.
- The prize is a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond for one winner in each grade group. And, your poster and picture will be featured in the March BCCA Newsletter!

**FROM THE DESK OF BCCA  
PRESIDENT - *Sylvia Griffin***

I pray that everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. A new year that can bring about so many changes in the way we do things. It is imperative for all of BCCA's residents to make a change in 2010: A change for growth, a change to take a stance on crime, a change to get involved, a change to make a better community. We have come so far, but yet not far enough. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done in our community. Will you make that change with us and volunteer your time--it can be so rewarding. I look forward to your presence in being a part of Birchwood-Clearview Community Association for 2010. Also, the trip to the Great Blacks in Wax is our first trip of the year; please come and support this social activity.

**YOUTH CORNER  
FROM THE DESK OF BCCA YOUTH  
LEADER - *Jahnae McCoy***

Hi, I would like to say Happy New Year. As we come to the year of 2010, I as a youth would like to start this year off on a good foot. I would like for us to have a successful year with different activities, community youth meetings, and service hour projects. As we all know, the most active seasons (spring and summer) are around the corner and we need our agenda to be booked with many activities. In order to do half of these things this year, I need your help to plan some of the activities. My voice cannot be the only one heard. How do you want your future to be involved in Birchwood City-Clearview Manor? Just think about it please. You may contact me at [saphire09@comcast.net](mailto:saphire09@comcast.net). And again Happy New Year.

**NOTICE: PG County Youth Employment Services and Summer Jobs Program announces that applications for the Summer Jobs Program will be accepted February 1, 2010 thru April 30, 2010. Please call 301-883-5993.**

**FROM BCCA's BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

BCCA's Beautification Committee Announces **Community Cleanup Day - Saturday, March 20, 2010**. PG County's Waste Management Group will assist with this project. Specific details will be provided in the February 2010 Newsletter.

The Beautification Committee expresses appreciation to all of you who contributed to getting the sign placed at the Birchwood Drive entrance. Next, the Committee is going to work on getting a sign posted at the Chrisfield Drive entrance. If any other residents would like to make a financial donation toward this project, please send it to BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 and state that it is for BCCA's Beautification Committee's projects.

**SPOTLIGHT ON BCCA'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

**Let's Welcome 2010 With A Community Spirit And Look Out For Our Neighbors**

The mission of our Neighborhood Watch Program is to maintain a safe and healthy community environment for all residents--by neighbors looking out for each other and reporting any suspicious activity to the Prince George's Police Department. A police officer from District IV Prince George's County Police is actively working with us.

Volunteers are needed for Block Captains and Coordinators. Block Captains and Coordinators **do not** act as police officers. They call the police and report any suspicious activity either seen by them or reported to them by their neighbors. If you are interested in serving in either of these roles, please contact Doris Saunders at (301) 839-1127 or email [dasaund2001@aol.com](mailto:dasaund2001@aol.com).

**Let's Help to Keep Our Neighborhood a Nice and Safe Place to Live**

## ***A COMMUNITY THAT CARES***

### **Warm Gear Drive Continues**

Please look in your closets for gently worn coats and take them to the cleaners and then bring them to the January/February Community Meeting(s) and help support our community's efforts to help those who need warm clothing. For additional information, please contact Michelle Ross on 301-839-2268.

### **Food Drive Continues:**

Please bring to BCCA community meetings non-perishable food items or a financial donation for the Oxon Hill Food Pantry located at 4915 Saint Barnabas Rd, Temple Hills, MD. For additional information, please contact Doris Saunders 301-839-1127, Edith King 301-839-4868, or Michelle Ross 301-839-2268.



During March 2010, Census Forms will be mailed or delivered to each household. According to the US Census Bureau, information from the census form helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on services in communities including schools, hospitals, job training centers, senior centers, emergency services, bridges, and other projects. According to Cheryl Harrington, PG County Coordinator for Census 2010, failure to complete the Census form can cost communities a loss of revenue. Please Make a Difference in Your Community and fill out the Census Form and return it. Also, the Census Bureau is hiring part-time employees. Please go to website [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or call 1-866-861-2010.

### **Water-Related Problems**

Recently, two water main breaks occurred on Dunwoody Ave. During mid December 2009, one occurred at Dunwoody and Galloway. WSSC spent about 2 days making the repairs. Around January 4th, another break occurred in the 1500 block of Dunwoody, and WSSC repaired it Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, over the years, some residents have voiced concern about continuous standing water on their streets, especially noticed is Birchwood Court at Birchwood Drive. If you notice a water-related problem on your street, please report it to WSSC at 301-206-9772; the 24-hour phone is 301-206-4002. Also, residents may report clogged or blocked storm drains to PG County's Office of Highway Maintenance on 301 499-8520.

### **THANK YOU CORNER - Thank you:**

- To all of you who helped to make BCCA Breakfast With Santa a success.
- To Mr. Tunstall, proprietor of McDonald's at 6126 Oxon Hill Rd, who gave us a discount on the pancake and sausage breakfasts.
- To Prince Georges Fire Department/Glassmanor Firemen who spent time with the children and provided them the opportunity to take pictures with the fire truck.
- To BCCA Hospitality Committee, Executive Board, and residents who donated money, fruit, candy, coffee, donuts, sandwiches, books, games, decorated gift bags, decorated the recreation center and volunteered their time to serve the children.
- To all of the parents who brought their children to the event.
- Finally, a Great Big Thank You to our Santa, **Maurice Hall**, who grew up in our community and came back to serve as our Santa Claus. Santa declined a thank-you donation and instead requested that it be donated to cover activities for BCCA youth such as the Scholarship Fund, Black History Contest, etc... Thank You Santa!!



BCCA youth at Breakfast with Santa enjoying Santa and PG County fire truck.

**THANK YOU** also to all of the residents who helped to make our Christmas Potluck Fellowship Dinner a success at BCCA's last community meeting in 2009. Thank you for all the delicious food and your attendance, which made it a true "Fellowship."

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**DETACHABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2009-2010** – The 2009-2010 membership period does not end until June 2010, so you still have time to join the BCCA for this period 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 where you would like to volunteer, regardless of how little time

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

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