

General Membership Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Wednesday, June 24th at 7 PM for our general membership meeting. The meeting will be held at Cornerstone Peaceful Bible Baptist Church at 9010 Frank Tippet Road.

We extend a very special invitation to those members who joined the BHCA for the first time this year. We encourage you to attend this meeting as the first part of the meeting will be a welcome reception for you and provide you with an opportunity to meet the officers and committee chairs of the Association and to meet fellow members.

The agenda for this meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Scholarship Recipient

On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, BHCA President and Vice President Barry Schlossberg and Carolyn Green-Fitzgerald had the distinct privilege of presenting the first BHCA scholarship award to Necole Jackson, a graduating student from Frederick Douglass High School. Necole resides on Ibis Lane in Hollaway Estates.

Necole is an outstanding selection for our scholarship. She is an honor student, a member of the Honor Society, an officer in the student government and is active in a number of school activities. She is very poised and personable. She will be attending North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, N.C. this fall where she plans to study journalism.

Necole and her parents have been invited to attend our membership meeting on June 24th to give all of our community an opportunity to meet this very fine young woman.



3rd Annual Community Yard Sale

It's Springtime! Many community members are motivated at this time of year to clean out their homes and rid themselves of old clutter. Well, if this describes you, we want you to participate in our 3rd Annual Community Yard Sale! This is also an opportunity for those looking for great bargains to find a few treasures.

The Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 20th from 8 a.m. to noon. As always, we will have light refreshments available for sale. Table rentals are extremely reasonable and the prices are as follows:

\$10 for BHCA Members

\$25 for Non-BHCA Members

\$30 for BHCA Community Members Interested in Joining the Civic Association and Renting a Table

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If you are interested in renting a table, please contact Trinita at trinita518@verizon.net or (301) 221-3805.

If you are not interested in selling items but rather in purchasing, remember that we need lots and lots of buyers!!

This is also an opportunity for teens in our community to get some community service hours by assisting with the Yard Sale. If you have a teen interested in assisting us on the day of the Yard Sale, please contact Nicole at nauleo@aol.com

Please join us on June 20th for food, fun, sales and community connections!

Neighborhood Watch Report

The summer season is here and along with the pleasant weather we can anticipate the customary spike in safety and security incidents including complaints of loitering, vandalism, thefts from vehicles and residential breaking and entering. Regrettably there has been an increase in these last two categories already being reported. Thankfully, incidents of home invasions as described in the May 27th Washington Post and the June 4th The Star have not occurred in our community. According to information provided to us by the County Police storage sheds and open garages are again being targeted by thieves. Be sure to close and lock garage doors and do not leave remote units in your vehicle. Our NW patrollers frequently report open garage doors late at night in darkened homes. Also, do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Equip sheds with sturdy locks and security lights.

All BHCA members, and for that matter, all residents of Brookwood and Hollaway Estates are encouraged to report any incidents and suspicious activity to the police and to Rick Brown, Chairman of the NW Committee (crb9904@verizon.net) in order that a NW ALERT can be sent out. This is also the quickest way to solicit feedback from potential witnesses which has been a big help in the past for assisting the police in arresting the perpetrators. REMEMBER: Communications is the key to an effective Neighborhood Watch program.

The NW Committee is in serious need of many more volunteers, especially patrollers and block watchers. We also are seeking at least two Co-chairs to assist Rick Brown. After 4 years of dedicated service, Roberta Rosser had to step down as Co-chair of the NW Committee due to personal obligations. Her outstanding support was key to helping build one of the best NW programs in the County. We thank her for her service—she will be missed. Training for NW is provided and is simple and straight forward. Those willing to assist should contact Rick Brown directly.

Programs Committee New Approach

The Programs Committee, under the direction of Nicole Austin-Hillery, is taking a new approach when it comes to setting up and running the various BHCA activities during the year. In the past, the Committee sought to have a group of members who would work on all programs but that has not proved to work effectively. The new approach will be to ask our members to help with ONE planned event per year to ensure that they can commit to a manageable number of events (certainly they can work on more than one)." This new direction appears to be working as it resulted in a commitment from a number of members who will be working on the upcoming Yard Sale. We hope this new method will eliminate the necessity of cancelling an event for lack of committee support as was the case with this year's Easter Egg Hunt/Roll.

Tentatively, the next big BHCA event will be a Community Day in the early Fall. If you are willing to assist with this program please contact Nicole at nauleo@aol.com.

Community Police Walk

More information will be sent out as details are finalized but mark Thursday, July 30th on your calendar for this year's Community-Police Walk. This will be a chance for the community to meet the commanders and officers from Prince George's Police District V as we take a leisurely walk through the neighborhood providing you an opportunity to speak with them informally. The specific time of the walk and the direction of the walk will be announced.

MADD Needs Volunteers

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD) has developed a court monitoring program to observe drunken driving cases within the criminal justice system and create an environment of accountability. The program uses trained volunteers in the courtroom to observe cases and note their outcomes on a regular basis. With consistent courtroom attendance, a review of court records and the tracking of offender and probation records, volunteers can identify inconsistencies in cases of driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving under the influence (DUI) cases. Armed with this vital court data, MADD volunteers are able to build strategic alliances between the law enforcement community, judges, prosecutors, the defense and public defenders create solutions that ensure swift and appropriate sentencing.

If you have the time and interest, please contact MADD at 1-800-446-MADD or www.madd.org/md

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