



# The Official Newsletter of the Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association, Inc.

March 2009

## BHCA Scholarship Program Moves Forward

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, representatives of BHCA met with the College Summit Coordinator of Frederick Douglass High School to implement the BHCA Scholarships. With the assistance and guidance of the school's Coordinator the criteria for the scholarships was determined. An application form and related documents were then created and provided to the school.

As was approved by the BHCA membership at the December meeting two scholarships will be provided by BHCA in the amount of \$500 each. These scholarships are available to Frederick Douglass High School graduating seniors residing in Brookwood or Hollaway Estates who are going on to a two or four year college or university or technical school. The scholarship recipients will be determined by the school's College Summit Committee.

The school's Coordinator will advise the eligible students of the availability of the scholarships and the application process. Applications must be received by the Committee on or before April 15, 2009. The scholarships will be presented at the school's June awards program.

## Are you a Gardener?

Like to know more about gardening? The Prince George's County Master Gardener holds basic training classes through May 4, 2009 at the Cooperative Extension Office, 6707 Groveton Drive, Clinton, MD every Monday and Wednesday from 6 – 9:30 pm. Contact Esther Mitchell at [estherm@umd.edu](mailto:estherm@umd.edu) or call the office at 301-868-8781.

The Master Gardener mission is to educate residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities.

## Neighborhood Watch

While criminal activity is relatively low in our community we are not completely immune to it. During the past several months we have received reports of breaking and entering, vandalism and stolen vehicles. We have made it our practice to notify you of an incident as soon as we learn about it through our ALERTS. In addition to notifying the police (non-emergency number is 301-333-4000) it is important that you notify the Neighborhood Watch Chair, Rick Brown or one of the N.W. Block Captains (their names and contact information is listed in the membership directory). Valuable and timely information is passed throughout the community regarding safety and security incidents. Also, assistance can be obtained by passing on information regarding incidents, as details can be circulated and witnesses solicited.

We encourage you to be a part of the Neighborhood Watch by becoming a Block Captain or a Block Watcher. At present we have Block Captains on less than half of the streets in our community. Several of the streets where criminal activity has occurred do not have Captains or Watchers. At present we have six Patrol teams (twelve individuals) with each team patrolling twice a month. Obviously we need more patrollers. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month to help keep our community safe and secure. Contact Rick Brown or Roberta Rosser at 240-244-1183 to volunteer.

Spring (warm weather) is just around the corner, meaning an increase in loitering and possible increase in vandalism and thefts will accompany. Now, not later, is the time to get to know your neighbors and get organized. If you live on a street that was a crime location in the past and want to work on a solution volunteer with the NW and with your Block Captain or become a Block Watcher, if none exists for your street.

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## Summer Playground

The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation will again be offering a summer playground program at Rosaryville Elementary School. Summer playgrounds offer games, crafts, and other fun activities for County residents only, ages 6-12.

Children are free to come and go during the day, and to attend some days and not others. Neither Before Care or After Care is offered in conjunction with summer playgrounds. The fee is \$25 per child for the summer, whether a child attends six hours a day for all six weeks, or select days and times only. Optional field trips and special events may be offered for additional fees. Children must meet the minimum age of 6 by August 31, 2009 to attend this program. These drop-in programs operate Mondays-Fridays. June 29 until August 7.

## Auditors Report

From: Haychel Melli  
Independent Auditor  
Washington, D.C.  
To: The Board of Directors  
Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association  
REF: Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the bank statements for the period of January 01, 2008 to November 30, 2008 and the Financial Statement prepared on November 17, 2008. In my opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association (BHCA) as of Nov 2008 and the results of the operations/cash flow ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.  
Haychel Melli December 22, 2008

## Neighborhood Watch (cont from Page 1)

The County's new Chief of Police, Roberto Hylton, is a strong proponent of community policing. He has frequently stated and has been quoted in the media of his goal of promoting police and community cooperation as a significant way to reduce crime. Our Neighborhood Watch program has been and continues to be an active participant in that program.

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## BHCA Programs Committee Plans Spring Events

The Programs Committee of the BHCA is planning its first-ever BHCA Easter Egg Hunt! This event will be held on the grounds of the Mt. Airy Mansion on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We are very excited about this event that we hope will bring together many of our children for a fun-filled day of activity! If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this event, it is not too late! We could use as much neighborly assistance as we can get and your help is always welcome. Please contact Programs Committee Chair, Nicole Austin-Hillery at [nauleo@aol.com](mailto:nauleo@aol.com) if you would like to help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

As we have done the past 2 years, we are again planning the biggest and best ever Community Yard Sale! Look for additional information about this event, including ways that you can participate as a vendor. The projected timeframe for the Community Yard Sale is June.

Finally, if you or a member of your household has a knack for planning, organizing and are detail oriented or if you just like the idea of bringing the community together for fun events, we need your help on the Programs Committee. You can donate as much or as little of your time as is convenient for you. We all know that activities help bring communities together, so please give a little of your time to help us do just that.

Again, for questions or to volunteer with the Programs Committee, please contact Nicole Austin-Hillery, Programs Committee chair at [nauleo@aol.com](mailto:nauleo@aol.com)

Look for information on future programs and events in the next issue of the newsletter!

## How Many Meetings?

BHCA presently holds two General Membership meetings during the year in June and December. At a recent BHCA Board of Directors meeting there was a discussion as to whether two meetings a year were sufficient. Were two too many? Would three or four be better or is that too many? Some civic associations have regularly scheduled monthly meetings (although the Board felt that was unnecessary).

So we agreed. We'd ask our members for their opinions. Accordingly we'd like to hear from you. Do our two membership meetings meet your needs or would you like to have more meetings during the year? Are we keeping you sufficiently informed about BHCA through the newsletter and our ALERTS? Is there anything about BHCA and its activities you would like to have more information?

Please send your comments to BHCA President, Barry Schlossberg at [bjsschloss@yahoo.com](mailto:bjsschloss@yahoo.com)

## 2009 White House Summer Internship Program

Applications are now being accepted for summer internships in the White House. This program runs from May 22 to August 14 and the submission deadline is March 22, 2009.

Interested persons must be:

U.S. Citizens eighteen years of age on or before the first day of internship

Enrolled in a college or university (2-4 year institution) or must have graduated from college in the past two years.

More information on the White House Internship program, including application instructions, can be found at: [www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships).

## 2010 Census Jobs

The Census Bureau will begin recruiting for positions for the upcoming census. Anyone interested in available positions is required to take a basic skills test. To schedule a test call, toll free, 1-877-348-9277. For more information call the Census Bureau, toll free, 1-866-861-2010.

## School Boundary Changes

If you have a child or children in a Prince George's County Elementary or Middle Public School this is particularly important to you. The Board of Education has announced a schedule of public hearings in March and April to gain community input on proposed changes to **school boundaries**. These changes would affect students attending 70 elementary and middle schools over approximately one third of the county.

The Board of Education is scheduled to make important decisions at its **7:05 p.m. meeting on Thursday, March 26**, regarding the proposal to offer new and more programs of choice, and consolidate 11 under-enrolled schools. The boundary proposal presentation is being updated and will be posted on the PGCPs web page, [www.pgcp.org](http://www.pgcp.org) by next week.

Proposed changes to school boundaries would be effective for next school year. The schedule of boundary hearings is listed below and is available for the public to attend and comment on how proposed changes to boundaries would affect students and schools included in the proposal.

MARCH 19 – Friendly High School –  
6pm - REGISTER BY 3:30 PM

MARCH 31 – Suitland High School  
6 pm - REGISTER BY 3:30 PM

APRIL 2 - SASSCER ADMIN. BLDG  
7 PM - REGISTER BY 4:30 PM

Individuals may register to speak during public comment by calling the Board Office at 301-952-6115.

An additional meeting would be held on April 21 at 6 PM in the Board Room at the Sasscer Admin Bldg. to approve the proposed school boundaries.

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