

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please mark your calendars. BHCA will hold a General Membership meeting on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008 at 7 PM** at **ROSARYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**.

The agenda for this meeting will be sent to members prior to the meeting. This will be a very important meeting as it will include the election of a new Vice President and Treasurer. Fletcher Mack and Carolyn Green-Fitzgerald respectively have served two consecutive terms and cannot be re-elected to those positions. Also, a report and recommendation of the Board of Directors on establishing student scholarship funds will be presented.

We also anticipate that our new Membership Directory will be completed and available to members. All attendees will receive a VIAL OF LIFE.

Please plan to attend and learn more about what is happening in our community.



Happy Thanksgiving From BHCA, INC!

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Thursday, November 6, at the Mt. Airy Mansion, Dorothy "Carolyn" Lowe, Vice President of our neighboring Williamsburg Estates Civic Association (WECA) was the recipient of the Prince George's County Civic Association's (PGCCF) prestigious Federation Cup award for her work, not only on behalf of her civic association but also her contributions to her church and numerous other organizations and activities throughout the County. BHCA and WECA have had many of the same concerns and issues over the years and have worked together on many of these matters. As a member organization to the PGCCF the BHCA Board of Directors was pleased to support Carolyn's nomination.

We also extend congratulations to BHCA member, Charlie Arnold who received the Federation's President's Award. Charlie headed the BHCA 2008 Youth Initiative which was successful in bringing a summer playground program to Rosaryville Elementary School.

Safety Alert

Deep-fried turkey has quickly grown in popularity in the past few years. If not fried properly, frying turkey can be dangerous causing burns and even uncontrollable fires. Here are a few safety tips:

- Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This may result in an extensive fire.
- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages.
- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Remember to use your best judgment when attempting to fight a fire. If the fire is manageable, use an all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call 9-1-1 for help.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

BHCA monitors and reports on these developments due to their potential impact on our community as regards schools, traffic, emergency services, roadways, etc. Development in our area is and will continue to be an ongoing issue. Accordingly, it is important that the views and concerns of those residing in this area make sure our voices are heard.

TLBU: This is the site, across from Cornerstone Church on Frank Tippet, to build 400+ single family homes. The County's Park and Planning Commission have held two further hearings, at which BHCA testified, regarding this property. The Commission has not given final approval for this project and further hearings are scheduled.

Waste Transfer Station: This project, approved by the Planning Commission to be built off Rt.301, south of Route 4, in Upper Marlboro is receiving considerable media coverage and opposition from residents in the immediate area. As we previously reported, BHCA is watching developments as one of the alternate sites is off Dangerfield Rd. and Commo Road and would have significant impact on traffic along Frank Tippet Road. According to published report, this location presents some major environmental issues also.

We have received information that three projects proposed to be built along Rosaryville Road are "on hold". We don't know the specific details or reasons but we will continue to follow up on them.

VIAL OF LIFE

Attendees at the upcoming BHCA General Membership meeting on December 3rd will be able to obtain a VIAL OF LIFE.

The VOL is a nationwide program sponsored by the Verizon Telecom Pioneers and is distributed through the P.G. Police Department's Community Response Teams.

The VIAL consists of a large prescription pill container, two labels and a medical information sheet. The information sheet is inserted into the container which is kept in the refrigerator. One sticker goes on the outside of the refrigerator and the other displayed on or near an outside entry door where it can be easily seen by emergency responders. You only need one container as you can place medical information for each household member in the same container

BHCA has obtained a quantity of the Vials. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like a vial you may contact BHCA President, Barry Schlossberg at 301-868-9083 or bjschloss@yahoo.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We had a good day during the Halloween celebration. There were three Watch Patrol teams on duty and many parents went out with their kids to insure their safety. Thank you to all the Watch Patrollers who volunteered their time to this effort.

Barry Schlossberg and Fletcher Mack
James and LaSharon Fulmer
Angelo Rhodes and Rick Brown
Roberta Rosser (Long time scheduler and NW Co-Chair)

Unfortunately, we did have a reported incident on Halloween which involved a pet dog being hit by a vehicle and the dog succumbed to his/her injuries. Please be aware that there are children and pets in our neighborhood and they can occasionally and without warning dart out from the curb and into your path – please drive slowly through our community.

Information pertaining to incidents occurring in the community are being received by Neighborhood Watch well after the fact. Please remember, after reporting incidents to the police, to inform NW of the incident so we can pass that information on to the community. This could result in locating witnesses to the incident and alerts others to take necessary precautions. Please report any/all incidents to Rick Brown, NW Chair at 301-877-1242 or CRB9904@verizon.net

With cold weather upon us, we remind all residents of the penalty and security risks associated with allowing their vehicles to idle (warming) unattended. It is a \$70 citation plus one point and can lead to a vehicle being stolen.

While we have a core of dedicated volunteers we still have a need for more patrollers and block captains. Remember, no one can do everything, but everyone can do something. The more volunteers we get the less work that any one of us has to do....and there is still more to be done. It is up to each of us to do his/her part if we expect to have and maintain a safe and secure community.

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