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*

AGENDA for Community Meeting, Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – 7:00 pm, Recreation Center
1.Opening Remarks by BCCA President - Sylvia Griffin 2.Silent Prayer 3.Pledge of Allegiance 4.Joseph Chaney, JLC Youthteen Mentoring Enriching Program 5.Valerie Shelton, President, of Greenpower Living

BCCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Informational Seminar: Foreclosure Prevention

Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Birchwood Recreation Center--Free registration - Refreshments served. Door will be opened at 10:30 AM.

Black History Poster Contest

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – is the deadline for entry. Please contact M. Ross at saphire09@comcast.net :
Parents: Please share this notice with your children.(Please read the Youth Corner for more information)

Birchwood-Clearview Community Meeting: PLEASE ATTEND.

Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 7:00 PM, Birchwood Recreation Center

Clean-Up Day For Birchwood-Clearview Community

Saturday, March 20, 2010 – Prince George's County Waste Management Group will place a dumpster at Birchwood Recreation Center (1331 Fenwood Place) on Saturday and Sunday, March-20-21, 2010, for you to discard unwanted household items, such as furniture. As active participants, we can make a difference and beautify our homes at the same time. **We are Excited and Together We Can Do This.**
BCCA'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE *(Joe Picot, Barbara Brown, Betty Woods)*

Youth Fundraiser – Joe Corbi's Pizza

April 2010. Please contact the youth at saphire09@comcast.net.

YOUTH CORNER

FROM THE DESK OF BCCA YOUTH LEADER – *Jahnae McCoy*

Hello, here I am again, Jahnae McCoy. I hope that everyone knows that February is *Black History Month* and knows what Birchwood-Clearview Community Association is doing so that everyone is able to get in the Black History Month spirit:

First, we went to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore on February 20th.

Second, we are seeking entries for our **Black History Month Poster Contest**. As a youth, I would like all of the youth to participate in all the events, because you never know what you can learn or who you can meet during a special event. We are still asking you to participate in the Black History Month Poster Contest. You still have time since we have extended the entry period to **Sunday, March 14th**.

Here's a tip: Before you start your poster, I suggest you GOOGLE and search for an African American individual--male or female--who did something historical and someone that you never would have thought of. Now, you will not only learn about a person, you have a chance to win a $50.00 US Savings Bond. As you GOOGLE or find African American historical persons, you may also find out what you have in common with them and how they can help you be what you want to be when you grow up! For example, Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. could not have been the Civil Rights Leader without studying or his father's pushing him to live out his dreams. President Barack Obama could not have been the first African American President without that special push from his family and the people who believed in him. So when you sit down at the computer, just think about how you can make a change in this community and how you can take the seat as the next president, vice president, the president of a bank, teacher, or just a role model in someone's life.

How do you see yourself in the next 10 years or so? Ask yourself: What can I do to make a change for myself and my community? These are just a few questions I want you to think about this month. **Let me hear from you**. Please contact me at *saphire09@comcast.net*.

SPOTLIGHT ON BCCA'S PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

BCCA's Publicity Committee coordinates, writes, prints and distributes the BCCA Newsletter each month door-to-door to almost 800 homes, and places the newsletter on our website *www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc*. Committee members (about 25 residents) were honored for their volunteer service at BCCA's January 2010 community meeting. Currently, we have couriers for all streets in our community. However, we need backup couriers just in case a regular courier is unable to distribute the newsletter. If you would like to serve as a backup courier for your street or part of your street, please call Lucy Hall on 301-839-0499.

Some of the BCCA Publicity Committee members who were honored by BCCA Community Association, Jan. 20, 2010.

NOTICES

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.

OUR DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASE

We all love our pets. However, we must also be considerate of our neighbors, including our children who walk to school. Per Prince George's County Code Sec. 3-135, it is against the law for dog owners to allow dogs to run loose. Any dog that is found on the loose without a leash may be impounded. Owners who violate the leash law are subjected to a fine up to $1,000 or imprisonment up to 90 days, or both. Call 301-780-7200 to report a violation. Cruelty to animals is subject to the same punishment.

United States Census 2010

In March, 2010, Census is sending census forms to each household. Please fill out the form and return it. Information from the census form helps to determine how billion of dollars of federal funding is spent on community services, including schools, job training centers, senior centers, and other projects. Failure to complete the Census form may cost communities a loss of revenue.

THANK YOU AND KUDOS CORNER

Congratulations to:

Oxon Hill High School Choir directed by the Rev. Dr. Emory Andrews for winning the Children's Performance of the Year Award at the 25th Annual Stellar Awards, January 16, 2010, in Nashville, TN.

THANK YOU TO:

- Jahnae McCoy, BCCA Youth leader, and other young people and BCCA's Vice President Michelle Ross for planning BCCA's trip to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum on Saturday February 20th.
- BCCA President Sylvia Griffin and her husband, Mr. Griffin, who provided group transportation to the museum in Baltimore, MD.
- Community Residents who drove their personal cars to the museum.
- All of the residents (adults and young people) who went on the trip and to those residents who could not attend but made financial contributions to cover the cost for some of our youth.

It was a magnificent trip--both educational (history learning) and fellowship topped off with lunch at a restaurant in route home.

THANK YOU TO:

- Gloria Hernandez Saunders for representing Birchwood-Clearview Community at METRO's January 27th Public Hearing for Proposed Service Cuts.

THANK YOU TO:

all of you, including our young people, who showed so much brotherly love by helping your neighbors during the recent snow storms. You helped your neighbors by shoveling snow out of their driveways and off of steps and sidewalks and helped your neighbors clean and repair their cars. You used your muscles to push cars that were stuck in the snow, used your trucks and vans to both push and pull cars that were stuck. You also provided transportation to community residents. Thank You Birchwood-Clearview Residents for Providing a Helping Hand to Your Neighbors!!

Birchwood City-Clearview Manor during the midst of the first snow storm in February 2010

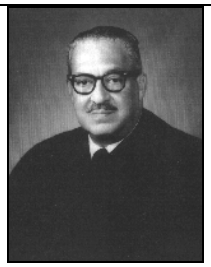
MARYLAND'S WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

Maryland's **WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)** may provide home weatherization services at no cost to eligible individuals (both homeowners and renters) such as weather stripping, caulking, plastic window covering, replacing/cleaning/repairing furnaces, and more to help make your home or apartment more fuel efficient and comfortable. Priority is given to elderly homeowners who are 60 and over, disabled residents and families with children under age five. For details, please call James McAteer on 410-514-7489. Also, the **Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)** helps low-income Maryland citizens pay their heating bills. Please call 301-909-6300.

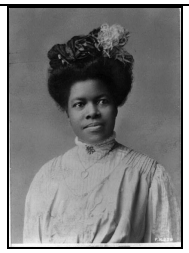
Black History Facts:

In 1915, Historian Carter G. Woodson, an African American, proposed a "Negro History Week" to honor the history and contributions of African Americans. In 1926, his dream became a reality and he chose the second week of February. "This observance officially became "Black History Month" in 1976, to include the entire month of February. Woodson High School in SE Washington, DC is named in his honor.

Frederick Douglass an African American, born into slavery in 1818, mostly self-taught himself to read. At the age of 20, he escaped slavery by impersonating a sailor and running away to Massachusetts. He spent the rest of his life fighting for equality for all people. In 1845, he published his autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave.* Later, he became U.S. Marshall of the District of Columbia. His home, located at 1411 W St. SE, Washington, DC. is opened for tourists.



Thurgood Marshall, the African American lawyer (born in Maryland) who led the team of NAACP lawyers before the U.S. Supreme Court to win the case outlawing school segregation, later became the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Judge. There are schools located throughout the U.S., including in MD and DC, named in his honor as is the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport in Baltimore, MD and the University of MD Law Library.



Nannie Helen Burroughs, an African American educator, founded the National Training School for Women and Girls. Through her religious and educational efforts, her goal was to instill black women with moral values, such as thrift and hard work, and prepare them to become self-sufficient wage earners. The school was renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School in 1964 and is now a private coed school located in NE Washington, DC.

--DETACHABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM – Birchwood-Clearview Community Association

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 bring to the community meeting or 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 where you would like to volunteer, regardless of how little time

❑ Membership	❑ Public Affairs	❑ Ways & Means	❑ Recreation/Parks & Planning
❑ Legislation	❑ Beautification	❑ Community Service	❑ Education/Scholarship
❑ Hospitality	❑ Technology	❑ Publicity/Newsletter	❑ Sponsored Activities
❑ Neighborhood Watch	❑ Youth Committee	❑ Others (Please specify)	

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