

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, April 21, 2010 – 7:00 pm, Recreation Center

1. Opening Remarks by BCCA President - Sylvia Griffin
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Community Concerns

BCCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Meeting for Birchwood-Clearview Community. PLEASE ATTEND.
Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 7:00 PM at Birchwood Recreation Center

Youth Fundraiser Number 1: Joe Corbi's Pizza - April-May 2010

To place an order, please contact the youth at sapphire09@comcast.net or come to the community meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

Youth Fundraiser Number 2: Magnetic Grocery List – To purchase a pre-printed grocery list for a donation of \$10.00, please call Mr. Harris, our Printer, on 301 567-1929 or email our Youth Leader, Jahnae, at sapphire09@comcast.net. Proceeds benefit our young people.

Please try to support all of our youth projects.

Family Community Day - Birchwood-Clearview Community

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Food, Music, Games, Poetry Reading, Prizes, Moon Bounce, Clown, Face Painting, Singing Groups, Fingerprinting of Children, public officials, and much, much more. The association needs financial donations, hot dogs, hamburgers, water and juice. To help provide this free community event, please call Harold Webster on 301-839-5439 as soon as possible and let him know what you would like to donate. Also, there will be Vendor Tables and they will rent for \$20 per table. Please call Edith King on 301-839-4868 to rent your table. **Attention:** Calling all Musicians, Bands and Marching Groups, Singing Groups, Poets, Karate Teams, Steppers, Cheerleaders and other entertainers, please call BCCA President, Sylvia Griffin, on 301-839-6719 if you would like to take part in our Community Day program.



FROM THE DESK OF BCCA PRESIDENT - Sylvia Griffin

I am proud to serve this community as your President. I am also proud to see that many of our residents have a caring attitude about their community and what goes on in it. But, at this moment I am very disappointed at many who still do not care where they live or how it is maintained. The Beautification Committee, chaired by Ms. Barbara Brown and her team worked very hard in coordinating Birchwood-Clearview's Clean-up Day on March 20th-21st, wherein a dumpster was provided for you to bring your unwanted household items. This was the first in a long time to have this service provided to our residents. When the dumpster became full, a note was left stating that no space was left. Yet, many never paid any attention and placed household items, debris and trash on the ground around the dumpster. It even surprised me to hear some people stated that they didn't even care about the community when they were dumping their items. I pray that we as residents of Birchwood-Clearview do not embark on this type of attitude. There's still a lot of work to be done in this neighborhood and a handful of people can not do it all by themselves. This event was coordinated with a goal to help keep our community clean. If you cannot be part of a solution, please don't become part of the problem!!!! We can eliminate problems when we care enough about our neighborhood to meet and work towards resolution. PLEASE HELP KEEP BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CLEAN AND SAFE.

Prince Georges' Department of Environmental Resources is hosting a free, one-day Mulch Giveaway for County Citizens, Residents and Employees on Saturday, April 24, 2010. The event takes place at the Prince George's County Yard Waste Composting Facility located at 6601 S.E. Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro. For more information, please call (301) 883-5045.

FROM THE DESK OF BCCA YOUTH LEADER - Jahnae McCoy

Hello, Here I am again, Jahnae McCoy. As you can feel and see, spring time is coming sooner than you know it! I hope that everyone had a nice and relaxed long spring break from school. I also hope that some of our youth were able to help with the Clean-Up Day in March and that you received your community service hours.

Newsflash: We have a fundraiser coming this month and it is a Joe Corbi's Pizza Fundraiser. I am asking that all youth please come out and help with this fundraiser. Each youth who helps with the fundraiser will get community service hours and also you can spend the day with your other youth family. Some of us youth are entering or are already in middle and/or high school and really need some community service hours--they really count. For the months of April and May, I would like for all our youth to come out and get some service hours. Just take at least one or two Saturdays out of the months of April and May and just come and help out and also meet with other youth in the community.

Also, this year's Community Day is going to be held on Saturday, May 22nd. We would like help from everyone. We are looking for youth talent. We need some talent at Community Day, such as: a dance group, singers, poets, basketball players, and just any other talent that's out there and that you have. I need a lot of help and support during the next two months from my youth family. I need you all to think about some ways we can get service hours in and out of the community over the next two months. Also, what are some fun places we can go--like bowling, ice skating, roller skating, to the movies, and just other fun places! And, can you think of any other fundraisers that we can participate in? I would like for our youth to just brainstorm some good ideas and when you think of some, just contact me at saphire09@comcast.net.

THANK YOU AND KUDOS CORNER

THANK YOU TO All Who Worked on BCCA's Community Clean-Up Day:

- **BCCA's Beautification Committee Members**--*Barbara Brown, Joe Picot and Betty Woods* for working so diligently in planning and executing BCCA's Community Clean-Up Day, held on March 20-21, 2010. Prince Georges' County responded to their request and placed a dumpster at the recreation center for residents to place unwanted household items. Even when a crisis almost occurred when the dumpster became full and persons dumped items on the ground around the dumpster, members of the Beautification Committee kept their community spirit and continued to work vigorously with Prince Georges' County employees until all items had been removed. They also cleaned the Birchwood Drive entrance to the community. In addition, they donated funds to have signs and flyers made and buy refreshments for the volunteers.
- **Community Volunteer Residents** who worked heartily with the Beautification Committee. They were BCCA's President, *Sylvia Griffin, Lucy Hall, Donald Hanciles, Donna Joyner, Edith King, K. Parker and Clarence Spears*. Thank you also to BCCA's Vice President, *Michelle Ross*, who donated refreshments for the volunteers and to BCCA's Secretary, *Doris Saunders*, who provided key information on how to obtain free gloves and trash bags from Prince Georges' County.
- **The Vikings Youth Football Team and their Coach, Henry Luther**, who volunteered and helped clean the entrance to the community. They helped the resident volunteers collect about 20 large bags of trash and debris from the Birchwood Drive entrance.
- **Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources staff** for helping BCCA's Beautification Committee coordinate Community Clean-Up Day, providing the needed items and very quickly removing items dumped on the ground around the dumpster--thus preventing a problem from escalating.

REMINDER: For pickup of unwanted household items, please continue to call Bulky Trash Collection on (301) 952-7600.

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

<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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