

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, May 19, 2010 – 7:00 pm, Birchwood Recreation Center

1. Opening Remarks by BCCA President - Sylvia Griffin
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Community Day and Any Other Community Issues

BCCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Meeting for Birchwood-Clearview Community. Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 7:00 PM at Birchwood Recreation Center. All persons living in the community: **PLEASE ATTEND.**

FAMILY COMMUNITY DAY: BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY

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

WHERE: Birchwood Recreation Center – 1331 Fenwood Place

WHAT: FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – Much Fun for The Entire Family – Food, Music, Choirs, Games, Prizes, Moon Bounce, and much, much more. To make a financial donation to help the Association provide this free event, please call either BCCA President, Sylvia Griffin, on 301-839-6719 or Former Vice President, Harold Webster, on 301-839-5439.

Two Youth Fundraisers (Please Support Our Young People)

1. Joe Corbi's Pizza

Orders Taken May 1 to June 9

To place an order, please contact the youth at saphire09@comcast.net or come to **Community Day and visit the Youth Table**. All kinds of Pizza Kits ranging from \$19.50 to \$22.00. Desserts also available. Orders will be ready for **Pick Up on June 16th** at Recreation Center, 7:00 pm.

2. Magnetic Grocery List Pads

30 preprinted sheets on an adhesive magnet

Sticks to Your Refrigerator and Keeps You Organized

(Designed, printed and donated by our neighborhood Printer Eugene Harris.) Get your grocery lists by emailing our Youth at saphire09@comcast.net or come to Community Day and visit the Youth Table. **All proceeds go to our young people. Donation only \$10.00**

You may also call 301-839-6719 & 301-839-0499 to place orders for pizzas or grocery lists.

MOVIE NIGHT UPCOMING--JUNE OR JULY-- RECREATION CENTER

FROM THE DESK OF BCCA PRESIDENT - Sylvia Griffin

Spring is in the air and how refreshing it is to see it, especially seeing so many of our residents sprucing up their properties by planting beautiful flowers, pruning shrubs, and cutting grass. The birds are chirping so harmoniously in the morning--what a wonderful sound to hear. Even with this appreciation of spring time, let us not forget this very important Holiday that is approaching--Memorial Day. It is not just having a day off for cook-outs with family and friends but a day of remembrance of our soldiers. Let us reflect on what Memorial Day should mean to us.

- **M**-is more than just a day off; it is a day to remember those who put their lives on the line to give us the freedom and privilege of living in this blessed nation.
- **E**-is for the enduring gratitude we have for the sacrifices these men and women make for those who stayed at home.
- **M**-is for the merit we recognize in those who serve our nation when such service comes at such a high price.
- **O**-is for the obedience we honor when those in uniform follow orders that may, and many times do, cost them their lives.
- **R**-is for the reverence we give to the thoughts we have on this day, or any day, when we remember those who give so much.
- **I**-is for the integrity we salute when those in uniform stand up for all of us even when some of us do not stand up for them.
- **A**-is for the allegiance we have to the nation that these brave warriors fight and die for.
- **L**-is for the love that goes with those who are in harm's way, and who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for you and me.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday

FROM THE DESK OF BCCA YOUTH LEADER – Jahnae McCoy

Hello everyone, Here I am again Jahnae McCoy. As we all know, **Community Day** is this month. Community Day is the day when everyone in the community gets together and meets and greets and also fellowship. I call it a “mini talent show” because we have dancers, rappers, singers, and any talent you love to show. May 22 is the day of our Community Day, and I need help from all the youth to come out that Saturday morning and help out with the Youth Table and all other events that we have every year. As youth, we can get community service hours for any help we give. Youth topics for this month are: What does my community mean to me? How do I see my community in five to 10 years? What can I do to make a change in my community? You can contact me at saphire09@comcast.net

Neighborhood Watch

The Prince George’s County Police Department’s Robbery Unit is urging citizens to use caution after two related residential robberies in which the suspects posed as local utility workers in the Forestville and Suitland areas. The Prince George’s County Police Department is offering the following safety tips:

- Keep your door locked when answering a knock
- Demand workers to show photo identification
- Call the person’s place of business to verify their identity and reason for being at your home
- Call 911 to report any suspicious persons in your neighborhood
- Check your surroundings before entering or exiting your home or vehicle
- Never let anyone you do not know into your home
- Follow all the above guidelines for any solicitor at your door

Beautification Committee

BCCA’s Beautification Committee expresses sincere appreciation and thanks to residents Bert Onyeneho and Terrell Williams for cutting the lawn at the entrance of Birchwood-Clearview Community.

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

Yard Waste Collection – As of January 1, 2010, weekly curbside collection has been offered year round for yard waste (grass, leaves, small branches)--on Wednesdays in our community. Branches and limbs must not exceed 4 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles that weigh less than 60 pounds. For additional information, please call (301) 952-7630



SPOTLIGHT ON BCCA'S HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

BCCA's Hospitality Committee, headed by *Lottie McCoy and Gloria Hernandez Saunders*, has very few members (and needs volunteers) but the Committee gets a lot done. For example, committee members:

- Plan the menu and do the shopping for community events, such as Community Day and special community meetings;
- Send welcoming letters to new residents, which provides key Prince George's County phone numbers, other County articles/items and pertinent information about our community association;
- Send greeting cards to residents who are sick or have death in the family--if the Association has been informed;
- Coordinate the set-up, decoration, and food donations for special community events, such as the Community Christmas Pot Luck Fellowship and Breakfast with Santa;
- Meet and welcome those who attend community events, including the monthly meetings; and
- Assist in other areas as the need arises.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS! If You Have Not Received A Welcoming Letter, Please Call 301-839-6719 And Provide Your Address.

Prince Georges County Events

Envision Prince George's 3rd Annual Economic Outlook Forum

Friday, June 11, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 –

Don't miss this opportunity to share your ideas, learn about, and discuss the economic future of Prince George's County. The purpose of *Envision Prince George's* is to help develop and implement a vision for the future of Prince George's County with a vibrant economy and a high quality of life for all of its residents. *Envision Prince George's* is an open process that invites anyone who lives or works in the county to look 10 or 20 years in the future and think about what

they want Prince George's County to be like at that time. Register online at www.envisionprincegeorges.org or call 301-952-3594. TTY access available at 301-952-3466.

FREE DOCUMENT SHEDDING AND E-CYCLING

**Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Thurgood Marshall Middle School,
4909 Brinkley Road, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748**

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY'S Department of Environmental Resources Is Sponsoring FREE Document Shredding and E-Cycling. All County citizens and residents are invited to safely dispose of their confidential documents by bringing a maximum of five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes of documents for shredding. County citizens and residents are also invited to bring their unwanted electronic equipment such as laptops, computer monitors, mainframes, circuit boards, keyboards, printers, inkjet and toner cartridges, copiers, pagers, VCRs, radios/stereos, televisions and cell phones. Please note this event is restricted to non-commercial vehicles. For more information, please call (301) 883-6091.

If You Have Not Joined the Community Association for the Year 2009-2010, You Still Have Until June 2009 to Join. Please use the detachable membership form below to submit your \$20 per household. Your membership dues help the association provide the free community events such as Community Day, Breakfast with Santa Claus, and other family fun activities. We need the support of the entire community.

DETACHABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM - Birchwood-Clearview Community Association

MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2009-2010 – Please complete 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:

Date: _____

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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