

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

May 2010

#### From The President's Desk

Dear Neighbors,

It is my pleasure to greet you as the new President of the Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association. I pray that 2010 has been kind to you thus far.

The Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association has accomplished much over the past four (4) years under the leadership of the outgoing President, Barry Schlossberg. We thank Barry for his past contributions and welcome him into his new position as Community Relations Liaison.

In spite of all we have accomplished since our inception, much remains to be done. We solicit your assistance in furthering the agenda to support the objectives and purpose of this association, which are "to provide support to community residents in all matters concerning health, safety, and security". We are working to ensure that the Brookwood and Hollaway Estate neighborhoods remain good places to live, retire and raise families.

Get involved! Mark your calendars for June 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Plan to come out to the general membership meeting at Rosaryville Elementary School to meet and greet the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns regarding our future agenda.

The Board of Directors and I wish you safe and productive days with restful nights,

Carolyn Green-Fitzgerald

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#### **Auditor's Report**

From: Haychel Melli

Independent Auditor Washington, DC

Γο: The Board of Directors

Brookwood-Holloway Civic Association (BHCA)

Cheltenham, MD

Ref: Independent Auditor's Report - FY 2009

I have audited the all BHCA bank statements for the period of January 01, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and the financial report prepared for December 2009. In my opinion, the financial report presents, fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the BHCA as of December 2009 and the results of the operations/cash flow ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

February 28, 2010

Haychel Melli

Report on Internal Control Matters and Other Comments:

Form 990 or 990EZ – is due the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your accounting period.

Organization of work documents – the paperwork for this year's audit was in very good order, resulting in a 25% decrease in the billing for audit time. My compliments to your treasurer.

#### The Wait is Over

In January, the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) informed us that our petition to have speed humps installed on Rhodenda Ave. had been approved. We were advised that installation would occur "in the Spring/Summer of 2010".

Our members and residents on Rhodenda have noted that work has begun. TRAFFIC CALMING AREA and HUMP signs had been erected at street entrances at Rosaryville Road and Frank Tippett Road and along the roadway prior to installation of the humps. On Thursday, April 29th the contractor for DPWT started construction of the speed humps.

BHCA thanks those members who worked so diligently to make this happen. It took time but we got it done!

#### **New Brookwood-Hollaway Website**

The BHCA has a new website where we can provide timely information of interest to the Brookwood and Hollaway Estate residents. Log on often to see what's happening around you. You can also pay your membership dues with Pay Pal and post information to the site. Register with neighborhood link to create an account. There are a few easy steps to create an account.

- 1. Go to: <a href="http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Brookwood-Hollaway/home">http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Brookwood-Hollaway/home</a>.
- 2. Click: "Sign in here".
- 3. Under the "No, I don't have an account yet" heading, click to register.
- 4. Fill in the registration form. You will be emailed a confirmation number. Please be sure to check your Spam or Junk folders if you cannot find the email message in your "inbox".
- 5. Sign in with the username and password you created.
- 6. When prompted, enter your confirmation number. You will only need this number the first time you sign in.

### BHCA Annual Police-Community Walk COME OUT – JOIN IN – TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

On **FRIDAY**, **MAY 21**<sup>st</sup> at **7:00 PM** the Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association will conduct its annual Police-Community Walk.

This is the third year this walk will be held. It is an opportunity for BHCA members and residents of Brookwood and Hollaway Estates to meet and talk with the County Police Officers of District V. It provides you with a chance to speak directly with them regarding any concerns you might have and to ask questions as we take a leisurely walk through our community. It is also our way of demonstrating our support and solidarity with those who protect us every day.

This year's walk will take the following route. You can join the walk at any point along the way.

- Starting at Holloway Park.
- Turn right on Rosaryville Road to Rhodenda Ave.
- Right on Rhodenda (Check out the new speed humps) to Toucan.
- Right on Toucan to Waco.
- Right on Waco to Dale.
- Left on Dale to Hollaway.
- Right on Hollaway to Rosaryville.
- Rosaryville back to the Park.

Stay for refreshments and conversation.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

In order to maintain a safe neighborhood, an active Neighborhood Watch program is vital. Rick Brown and his team have done an excellent and sustained job of running a model Neighborhood Watch Program. However, we are burning the faithful few out! We need help!

Come one and come all to the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting:

When: Wednesday, 26 May 2010 7-8:30pm

Where: Rosaryville Elementary School Multipurpose room

Who: All Brookwood Hollaway residents are welcome and encouraged to attend

What: Guest speakers...officers from District 5 Police

You are urged to **join the team** if you are not a member already...

#### **Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association Scholarship Program**

The Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association, Inc. (BHCA) established a scholarship fund to help finance higher education for the children of permanent residents of the Brookwood or Hollaway Estates subdivisions. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability or national origin.

The Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association has made available two awards of \$500 each that may only be used for the first year of study. A total of two scholarships are awarded annually.

High School seniors can apply for these scholarships if they meet the criteria set forth on the Application Information Sheet.

Frederick Douglass High School's College Summit Coordinator administers the program on behalf of the BHCA, which removes the subjectivity from the process.

The first scholarship was awarded during school year 2008-2009 to Necole Jackson. The BHCA Board of Directors is pleased to have awarded the second round of scholarships to two students on May 12, 2010 at the Frederick Douglas High School Awards program.

## 2009 Scholarship Recipient, Necole Jackson writes in from North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, N.C.

11011 Ibis Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 January 4, 2010

Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association, Inc. PO Box 280 Cheltenham, MD 20623

To: Barry Schlossberg, President

Again, I wanted to thank the Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association for selecting me as their first scholarship recipient. Your gift of \$1000 was a great help. It was truly an honor to be selected and I wanted to let everyone know I am doing well.

I finished my fall term at North Carolina A&T and did really well. I ended the term with a 3.12 GPA and have made the Dean's List. I have joined several clubs and was even selected by the students of my dorm to present them as Ms. Aggie Suites. I plan to continue to major in Journalism, but also plan to double major in English Literature.

I will be leaving tomorrow to go back to school. I just wanted to send the association a note to let everyone know how much I really appreciated the scholarship Again thank you and I will represent you all well.

With much appreciation

Necole M. Jackson

cc: Carolyn Green-Fitzgerald, Vice President

March 29, 2010

Ms. Necole Jackson 11011 Ibis Lane Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Necole,

Thank you for your letter dated January 4, 2010. We are delighted to hear about your progress and outstanding achievements thus far at North Carolina A&T. It gives the Board and our community great pleasure to know that, as BHCA's first scholarship recipient, you are working diligently in your academics and in your college community.

Please continue to keep us informed of your progress. As always, we wish you continued success with your studies in Journalism and English Literature, and with your community activities.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Green-Fitzgerald BHCA President

Cc: Nicole Austin-Hillery, Vice President Nicole Beverly Ridley, Secretary

#### 2010 Brookwood-Hollaway Civic Association Scholarship Recipients



Ms. Tyshania Campbell.



Ms. T'yanah Scott

#### **Welcome your Census Taker**



On May 1st, census takers began going door-to-door to roughly 48 million households that did not mail back their forms. They will also verify that housing units indicated as "unoccupied" by the postal service or others are indeed unoccupied and vacant.

The census taker will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before inviting them into your home. The U. S. Census Takers will not ask for your Social Security number, credit card or banking information.

Please take the time to answer the census questions. It's important to have government money distributed to our neighborhood.

Call the Census Bureau Call Center if you have questions:

General Telephone Lines: 1-800-923-8282

(Monday to Thursday: 8:30 - 5:30 ET Friday: 8:30-4:30 ET)

#### **New Landfill Vehicle Fee and Yard Waste Collection Services**

The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) announced a new vehicle fee schedule for the Brown Station Landfill and weekly year-round yard waste collection services.

The new refuse disposal tipping fee for all pickup trucks, cargo vans and trailers will be a \$10 minimum for disposing of 400 pounds or less of waste at the Brown Station Road Landfill. All cars, regular vans, and SUVs will continue to have a no fee charge but must be residential in use, without modifications and non-commercial.

In addition, weekly yard waste collection services will now be offered year round from its current schedule from April 15 through January 15.

The Waste Management Group suggests the following steps when putting your waste at the curb for collection:

- Place yard waste in securely tied, heavy-duty plastic bags, paper yard bags or heavy-duty trash cans with handles and a secure lid (cardboard boxes are not acceptable).
- Limbs must not exceed four feet in length and three inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles. Bundles of limbs and bags of dry grass and leaves must weigh less than 60 pounds.
- Wet grass and leaves must weigh less than 25 pounds.

#### **Do Not Leave Cars Running Unattended**

The Prince George's Police Department is reminding residents to practice good vehicle safety habits all year around. Auto theft happens fast. An auto thief can break into and steal a car in less than a minute. An unoccupied car, with its engine running, can be taken in seconds. Therefore, the Prince George's Police Department wants to remind residents that leaving vehicles unoccupied with the engine running, even for a minute, is a violation of the Maryland Transportation Article 21-1101 (a).

"The good thing is that auto theft rates are dropping. It has been cut in half since 2005. We want residents to understand that together, we have impacted auto theft in a big way. We can continue this downward spiral! You can help us eliminate auto theft by not leaving your vehicle running unattended," said Chief Roberto Hylton.

#### **Federal Aviation Administration Summer Employment**

Summer Employment Initiative for High School and College Students

The FAA is seeking students for summer employment. The Summer Employment Initiative is designed to attract talented students to the workforce for summer employment opportunities into entry-level positions and provide positive work and developmental experience.

#### **Position Openings:**

Miscellaneous Clerk and Assistant, FV-303-C Management Assistant, FV-344-D Management and Program Analyst, FV-343-F Engineering Technician, FV-802-F

Duty locations: FAA Headquarters, all regions, and centers and some field locations.

Note: Specific FAA duty locations will be posted on website announcement.

FAA regions and centers (field locations) will post separate vacancy announcements.

Eligibility: Applicant must be a student who meets all the following requirements:

United States Citizen
Enrolled or accepted in a half-time or full-time course schedule;
Age 16 or older (by the closing date of the announcement); and
Possess a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a scale of 4.0.

#### **Appointment Type: Temporary appointment**

Duration: Not to exceed 6 months (April through September)

Benefits: Students can earn sick and annual leave - depending on length of appointment Work Schedules: Full-Time or Part-Time Minimum Qualifications: A "student" is defined as a student enrolled in a high school, vocational and technical school, undergraduate program (associate or baccalaureate degree) or graduate program. Students must be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student (diploma, certificate, etc.).

#### Federal Aviation Administration Summer Employment Cont.

Must be at least the minimum age required by Federal, state, or local laws and standards governing the employment of minors. Students must be taking at least half-time course load, as defined by their academic institution; and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average on a scholastic average scale of 4.0.

How to Apply: FAA has an online employment application system called ASAP.

All students must apply through the ASAP online system

#### Go to Career Opportunities

Type the following words "Summer", in the Keyword Search

Open an ASAP account and apply online. If you have additional questions contact the local Human Resource Management office.

Conditions of Employment: Students who have received a "Tentative Job Offer" for an FAA Summer position, must provide an "official" transcript at least two weeks prior to entrance-on-duty date (reporting date)



#### **General Membership Meeting**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for *Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM and attend the* BROOKWOOD-HOLLAWAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The meeting will be held at Rosaryville Elementary School.

We extend a very special invitation to BHCA members and residents of both Brookwood and Hollaway Estates to join us in this meeting. We will be sharing plans for the remainder of the year as well as introducing our 2010 scholarship recipients. The detailed agenda for this meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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