

# 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](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc)

## BCCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

### BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY MEETING

**All Residents PLEASE ATTEND Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

#### AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by BCCA President – Sylvia Griffin
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Candidates for Public Office (Betty Hodge and Jerry Mathias-District 8 Council Member), Albert Chapman (MD State Senate)
5. BCCA 2009-2010 Year-End Closing

### MOVIE NIGHT: FREE



**WHEN: Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

**WHERE: Birchwood Recreation Center**

### BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY



*Sponsored by BCCA  
and MD National Capitol Parks and  
Planning Commission*

### TWO YOUTH FUNDRAISERS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### 1. Joe Corbi's Pizza

Please Pick Up Your Orders June 16th at the Recreation Center, 7:00 pm.

#### 2. Magnetic Grocery List Pads

Preprinted grocery list on a magnet (30 tear-off sheets)

STICKS TO YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND KEEPS YOU ORGANIZED

**Donation: Only \$10.00.**

Please contact the youth at [saphire09@comcast.net](mailto:saphire09@comcast.net). Call 301-839-6719 or 301-839-0499.

**All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund for our young people.** Thank you to our Neighborhood Printer Eugene Harris for designing, printing and donating the grocery pads to our youth.

### **FROM THE DESK OF BCCA PRESIDENT - Sylvia Griffin**

What a wonderful time I believe we all had at Birchwood-Clearview's Community Day. The weather was perfect, the food and fellowship were good and the entertainment outstanding. This to me is community coming together for the good for all to enjoy. As I have stated so many times before, this would not be possible without the commitment and dedication people still have in this community--with a willing spirit to get the task done. I would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to Birchwood's Executive Board Committees for their many hours of dedication in putting together all of Birchwood-Clearview's community activities such as: Halloween Night, Karaoke, Breakfast with Santa, Valentine Function, Community Day and now add to the list **Outdoor Movie Night**. Yet, we have so much more to do--we need everyone to partake in our community's success.

We are now coming into the summer months and the Association will be coming to a close for July and August, but we are excited and looking forward to September in doing it all over again--bigger and better. So come out and join us in our community success. I encourage everyone to enjoy your summer and stay safe. Make sure while away on vacation that all safety measurements are used to secure your home and belongings. Again, have a wonderful and enjoyable summer and we will see you in September.

### **FROM THE DESK OF BCCA YOUTH LEADER - Jahnae McCoy**

Hello everyone, Here I am again Jahnae McCoy. First, I want to thank all of the youth who helped me at the Youth Table on Community Day. We raised \$211.00 from the sale of the Magnet Grocery Lists. Second, I want to thank all of the youth who provided entertainment and those who came out just to have fun and fellowship at Community Day.

Reminder: During the summer, you can still get community service hours by working on the Youth projects--by continuing to help sell the Magnet Grocery Lists. Also, come to the recreation center on June 16th to help distribute the Joe Corbi pizzas. Keep in mind our youth topics: 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?

**Enjoy Your Summer.** You can still contact me at [sapphire09@comcast.net](mailto:sapphire09@comcast.net).

### **2010 Summer Playground At Birchwood Recreation Center for Ages 6 To 12**

The Summer Playground Program offers games, crafts, and other fun activities for Prince George's County residents ages 6 to 12. (Children must be age 6 by August 31, 2010.) The Programs operate Mondays-Fridays, June 28 until August 6, from 9 am-3 pm. The fee is \$25 per child for the entire six-week program. Optional field trips and special events may be offered for additional fees. Neither before nor after care is offered. Registration Information: 301-203-6000; TTY 301-203-6030. SMARTlink 177814.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE SENIORS' CORNER**

Maryland's Secretary of the Department of Aging, Gloria Lawlah, attended our Community Day, and provided key information for senior citizens, including the SHIP Program (Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program). This program provides assistance to help pay for health insurance or prescription drugs for low-to-moderate income households. To determine if you qualify, please call 301-265-8450. TTY users call via Maryland Relay Website:

Also, please call the Maryland Department of Aging on 1-800-243-3425 or go to [www.mdoa.state.md.us](http://www.mdoa.state.md.us) for information on other programs including:

- (1) Senior Housing information,
- (2) Senior Employment Program,
- (3) Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (protecting the rights and well-being of residents of long-term care facilities);
- (4) Low-Cost Legal Help for Seniors,
- (5) Mediation Services for Older Adults (helping older adults and their families and care providers resolve conflicts),
- (6) Health and Fitness for the Elderly, and
- (7) Other Senior Information & Assistance

## **NOTICE:**

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO USE OR SHOOT ANY FIREWORKS/FIRE CRACKERS IN BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW.** All fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County. If you use any fireworks, you could go to jail and/or pay a fine. Prince George's County's Fire Safety Law SEC 11 states it is against the law to shoot fireworks in Prince George's County, and the penalties for violation of the law include a FINE UP TO \$1,000 AND/OR SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

## **BCCA Beautification Committee**

**CALLING ALL LANDSCAPERS IN THE COMMUNITY!! WE NEED YOUR HELP.** BCCA's Beautification Committee is asking all landscapers who live in Birchwood-Clearview to work together and volunteer to cut the grass at the entrance to our community. By working together and coordinating, the number of times each landscaper cuts the grass would be minimized. Thank you to Damien's Lawn Care Service for agreeing to be one of the volunteers. Thanking all of you in advance for your assistance in helping to keep up the appearance of our community. Please leave messages at 301-648-2777.



## **SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION**

### **Science, Technology, Arts & Responsibility Summer Camp**

**Presented by**

**J.E.G. Ministries, Inc and Visions PAC**

**Academic Development And  
Character Building**

June 28 to July 30, 2010 – 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Ages 5 to 15**

\$100 PER WEEK PER CHILD

1450 Mercantile Lane-Ste 227

Largo, MD 20774

301-928-2058

### **Summer Camp Enrichment Program**

**Presented by**

**Metropolitan Fitness & Safety Academy**

**Physical Activities and Life Skills**

Four 2-week sessions: June 28 to August 20, 2010, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Ages 8 to 18**

\$100 per week per child, \$175 for two children, \$50 for each additional child

*(Before and After Care for an additional fee).*

202-889-5711

### **Crump Law Camp**

***Presented by***

**The National Bar Association**

**Introducing students to the judicial system  
for students 9th through 11th grades & Ages 14 to 17**

Campers will be housed at Howard University.

Tuition will vary depending upon family income

Camp begins July 11, 2010.

Go to website [www.Nationalbar.org](http://www.Nationalbar.org) for application

**(301) 249-8355**

## **THANK YOU TO ALL FOR CONTRIBUTING TO A GREAT 2010 COMMUNITY DAY**

- Thank you to Birchwood-Clearview community residents who **donated** money, food, water/juice, ice/coolers, paper products, and two large American Flags; and those who **volunteered** and planned Community Day and contacted and invited public officials and entertainers, and requested donations from local establishments; called and requested donations from community residents, served as contacts for vendors; shopped for the food, games and prizes; put up signs; cooked and served the food; supervised games; monitored BCCA tables; set-up and cleaned up; and produced our music (Producer N. Griffin).
- **Thank you** to BCCA Youth who monitored the Youth Table and raised \$211.00 in the sale of the Grocery List Magnets.
- **Thank You** to The Vikings Youth Football Team and their Coach, Henry Luther, who volunteered and entertained with sports at our Community Day.
- **Thank you** to local establishments, including Giant Food, Home Depot, Kentucky Fried Chicken, National Harbor, Outback, Pepsi Cola, Popeye's, Safeway, and Staples for donating food, gift cards, grill, gift baskets, office supplies and sightseeing cruise tickets.
- **Thank you** to MD National Capitol Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for providing the stage, skate mobile and so many other needed items.
- **Thank you** to our local public officials and staff for attending, including
- **Maryland's** Secretary of the Dept of Aging, Gloria Lawlah, representing the Governor; Senator C. Anthony Muse; Delegates Jay Walker and Kristine Valdarama, and M-NCPPC Regional Director Debra Savoy and other staff from M-NCPPC Southern Area.
- **Prince George's County** Executive Jack Johnson, Council Member Tony Knotts and County Council Candidate Betty Hodge, Police Chief Roberto L. Hylton, Oxon Hill Police Commander Major James Harper and other police officers, Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service (providing fire safety material and a tour of the fire truck/engine); Josephine Ford from Oxon Hill Library (distributing library material) and representatives from the Sheriff's Office.
- **Thank you** to the entertainers including the Iverson Mall Walkers/Line Dancers, "Ms. Lottie Mae" McDonald (Spoken Word), our youth (Jamal and Group) Birchwood youth rappers), and the Vendors who had their vending tables at our Community Day.
- **Thank you** to **all of you** who came out to enjoy the festivities.