

# BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## **BCCA'S** UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY MEETING**

PLEASE ATTEND Wednesday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Recreation Center

**You have the opportunity to voice your concerns by attending monthly community meetings.**

#### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Remarks by BCCA President Sylvia Griffin
2. Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Plans for BCCA's New Year - 2010-2011

### **In Loving Memory Of BCCA Executive Board Member and BCCA Publicity Committee Member**

BCCA's Secretary, Mrs. Doris Saunders, and BCCA's Publicity Committee Member, Mr. Thomas Richardson, passed in July 2010. They both were great assets to our community.

Not only was Mrs. Saunders BCCA's Secretary for several years, she also was coordinator of BCCA's Neighborhood Watch Program, leader in obtaining a free website for our community association and co-coordinator of our food donation drive for a local food pantry.

Mr. Richardson served diligently on BCCA's Publicity Committee for many years. He, along with his sister, Mrs. Shirley O'Bannon, helped to keep our community informed of essential information by assisting with the writing, printing and delivering of our monthly community newsletter.

We are forever grateful for their community service and thank God for their time with us and for their helping to enhance our community. Please pray a condolence prayer for the Saunders and Richardson/O'Bannon families and all other bereaved families in our community.

## FROM THE DESK OF BCCA PRESIDENT - Sylvia Griffin

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer vacation, in spite of the hot weather we have had. Hopefully, you were able to enjoy visiting relatives or just having that special vacation you've been saving up for all year.

For your information, there will be a **Prince George's County Planning Board Budget Hearing on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at Harmony Hall, 10511 Livingston Rd, Fort Washington, MD.**

Please come out in large numbers and join me to show support for Birchwood-Clearview's budget request. In doing so, you reflect to the Budget Committee a unified community--and that has an impact on getting our request approved.

**URGENT! URGENT!** The Association is in great need to increase Birchwood's membership--people this is how we become noticed when we come together as one. This is how we get the "squeaky wheel turning." It is through numbers--people being involved. Don't sit on the side line anymore and do nothing--get involved with your community. You can work behind the scene; it doesn't matter--we need help in all areas. We need people in their spare time to make local meetings and make phone calls when the need arises.

The Association is aware that people lead busy lives but this is still your community and a handful of people cannot do it all.

I am asking everyone to really consider a part that you can play in your community. If you can't come out to a meeting, please contact me or a board member to let us know what you can do to help out.

Please review below a list of areas in which the Association needs your help.

### **Volunteer Services**

Membership Committee--Helps to conduct membership recruiting drives, sends out letters, makes phone calls, keeps records of all members and their attendance, and submits membership dues to the Treasurer.

Education Committee--Helps with matters relating to education (scholarships, attending Board of Education meetings) and report to the Association any relevant information involving education.

Recreation Committee--Helps the Association in planning and supervising activities for all ages such as exercise classes, youth sports, community trips and other social events.

Fundraising (Ways and Means Committee)--The Association needs persons who are interested in fundraising.

Legislation Committee--If you are interested in drafting county and state legislative proposals or keeping abreast of legislation and regulations affecting residents of the community, we need you.

Beautification Committee--If you like to see your community beautiful--gardening, planting and more, please join us.

Finally, the Association encourages every homeowner and renter to come out to your community meetings because you miss vital information when you are not present. **So, please attend your community meetings and make a difference.**

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

Hello Everyone,

It's Jahnae. I hope you all have had a wonderful and safe summer! And, I also hope that everyone had a wonderful first day of school. This year, we would like to have a lot of programs for our youth. In order for that to happen, I would like to hear from the youth in our community. I would like 2010 - 2011 to be the best of the best for the youth of Birchwood/Clearview Manor Community. I would like to know the different topics you all would like to talk about--activities and also fun outings that we all can do. So, let's make this the best year ever. Send your ideas to [saphire09@comcast.net](mailto:saphire09@comcast.net). Additionally, we have begun raising funds so that we can award scholarships to our youth in the community. We look forward to having more fundraisers and hope you can join us. Until next month, **make the best of everyday in school!**

## **BCCA'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Greetings Birchwood-Clearview Neighbors!! Yes! We are looking at the approach of an early fall as we say goodbye to the oppressive heat of the summer of 2010. The Beautification Committee would

like to give **Special Kudos** to the few people who worked with us in trying to enhance and improve our community through cutting the grass at the Birchwood Drive entrance, picking up trash around the area and yes, some people tied plastic trash bags for litter around signs and poles or placed a permanent trash can out for people who blatantly throw trash and litter in the grass or street.

We are a small committee with big dreams as it relates to making our community stronger and better. Please encourage your young ones to not congregate in the front of other people's property while littering and talking loudly. This is not only disruptive, it sets a bad tone for others. We pray that this is the time that others will choose to get involved in our Association because it impacts all of us. Together, we can make a difference and live up to the promise on our entrance sign of being **"a caring community."** *The Beautification Committee.*

## **YOUTH FOCUS GROUP**

NOTICE: A Youth Focus Group will be held on Friday, September 17, 2010, at Birchwood Recreation Center. All youth--ages 13 to 20--are invited. Please come out to discuss youth issues.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON BCCA's MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

BCCA's Membership Committee has been led faithfully by Chairperson *Brenda Brown* for several years. *Mrs. Brown* is assisted by *Mrs. Shirley O'Bannon*. **They serve diligently and implement an awesome assignment for our community by recruiting and getting residents to join the Community Association each year by paying their annual dues of \$20.**

Other than donations, the dues are the only means of income to pay for the Community Association activities. Please assist *Mrs. Brown* and *Mrs. O'Bannon* by coming forth eagerly to pay your membership dues for the new year, beginning this September.

The Committee members also maintain records of membership and inform other committee members of your interesting in volunteering. If you would like to assist *Mrs. Brown*, please indicate this on the attached Membership Form.

## **ATTENTION NEIGHBORS: IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE NEW YEAR 2010-2011 (Sept 2010-Aug 2011). PLEASE JOIN BCCA BY PAYING YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$20).

By joining the Birchwood-Clearview Community Association, you are showing that you care and take pride in your neighborhood. This is crucial for our community because the dues are used to cover the cost of the Community Association's programs, including youth and adult activities and our community newsletter.

Also, we have been fortunate to gain some vital volunteers over the years, but as we continue to grow, we need more bodies and minds,

and we know this community is full of them. So place a check mark on the attached Membership Form to show where you want to give “a little time for a great cause.”

## BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

**NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR** (Sept 2010 to Aug 2011) Annual Dues: \$20 per household.



DATE \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENT'S NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Association needs volunteer help.  
Please check the area below where you want to give “a little time for a great cause.”

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE

Membership Committee <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Education/Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Recreation/Parks & Planning <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Ways & Means (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Beautification <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Legislation <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Youth Committee <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Neighborhood Watch Program <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Publicity/Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Public Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Technology <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Sponsored Activities <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Community Service <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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