

# **BIRCHWOOD CITY/CLEARVIEW MANOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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**WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT  
CARES**



**NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING  
Wed. September 16,  
Recreation Center 7:00 PM  
PLEASE ATTEND**

## **COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA**

**Opening Remarks**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Installation of BCCA 2009-2010 Officers by PG County Councilmember Tony Knotts**

**Kickoff for BCCA Membership Drive for 2009-2010**

**Discussion – Community Concerns**

## **ATTENTION NEIGHBORS**

**OUR NEW YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009. PLEASE JOIN BCCA BY PAYING YOUR  
\$20 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE NEW YEAR 2009-2010**

Thank you to those who paid your annual membership dues of \$20 for 2008-2009. It is now time to renew for the new year. To those who did not join the community association on last year, please join this year. We value and need your support. Your membership dues help to pay the cost of all of the yearly activities we have for both our youth and adults in the community. Next month we will have our first **MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE** at the Recreation Center. Raffles will be held with special prizes for both youth and adults who join and bring others to join BCCA. If you can help with the open house, please call BCCA President, Ms. Griffin, on 301-839-6719.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT: SYLVIA M. GRIFFIN:** Your Association is back from a wonderful summer break. All minds should be clear and refreshed. I hope everyone had an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer with family and friends. The Association would like to thank everyone for all the efforts for the period of September 2008 – June 2009. September 2009 starts a new time for the Association to implement plans that were previously made. September is also a new time for many students starting as well as re-entering school. Let's Wish the Best For Our Students!! The Association encourages our residents to become active in our community. We are still in need of volunteers to assist in different areas. Also, in order for the Association to go forward with the many plans that were made, we are in need of your financial support. Your membership dues of \$20 are greatly needed and appreciated.

## **Congratulations to the 2009-2010 BCCA Officers**

**President – Mrs. Sylvia Griffin**

**Vice President – Mrs. Michelle Ross**

**Secretary – Mrs. Doris Saunders**

**Treasurer – Mr. Percell Walker**

The Association welcomes our new Vice-President, Mrs. Michelle Ross, who is also very active with our youth department. Thank you to our outgoing Vice President Mr. Harold Webster. We would like to acknowledge him for his service as Vice-President for many years, faithfully serving his community--always willing to do what he can to help make the community a better place to live. The Association gives Mr. Harold Webster a big thank you for all of his service and

thanks him for his continued service on our Executive Board. We also welcome two new Board members: Mrs. Barbara Brown and Mrs. Betty Woods.

### **Up-Coming events:**

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – **OPEN HOUSE (MEMBERSHIP RALLY)** Recreation Center 7:00pm

Friday, October 30, 2009 - **Halloween Family Fun Night:** 7:00pm-10:00pm at Birchwood Recreation Center. Come out with your best costume. Refreshments served.

**Business Directory:** To Birchwood's Business Owners: This is your opportunity to participate in BCCA's fundraiser by purchasing space in the BCCA's Business Directory. Please contact Cecelia Logan on 301-686-0236 or Lucy Hall on 301-839-0499 for more information on pricing. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc>

**BCCA's Website:** If you would like to announce your yard/garage sale or special events, have your information placed on BCCA's Website: Please contact Doris Saunders @ 301-839-1127 for further information.

**Fitness Instructor Wanted:** Birchwood is looking for a fitness/exercise instructor to teach classes at the Birchwood Recreation Center, if you are interested, please call Sylvia M. Griffin at 301-839-6719 for further details.

**Neighborhood Watch Program:** Thank you to all who signed the petition for the Neighborhood Watch Program. If you have not signed, please attend the meeting on September 16th and sign. We are still in the process of establishing the Program. For more detailed information on the Program, please visit our website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/oxonhill/bccc>.

### **Maryland Parks and Recreation Budget Hearings**

PG County Planning Board of Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning is holding a public meeting to obtain your comments on the parks and recreation budget for fiscal year 2010, on Monday, September 14, 2009, 7-9 pm at Harmony Hall Regional center, 10701 Livingston Rd, Ft. Washington, MD. Please come and support our budget request. A large number of people attending from the community shows support and helps us to get what we request for our recreation center. Your recent support helped to get the basketball court, the walking trail and the pavilion. Now your support is needed to get more lights and more activities for our young people and adults. Please call Ms. Griffin 301-839-6719 and let her know that you will be joining her at the hearings.

### **Proposed revisions to Birchwood City/Clearview Manor Association (BCCA) Bylaws**

#### Article IV – Election of BCCA Officers

- Sections I, III, V, VI: Changed the election of BCCA officers from every year to every 2 years.

#### Article VI – Standing Committees

- Section I: Added a Youth Committee to BCCA list of standing committees.
- Section III- Membership Committee: Changed the starting time for the annual membership drive from July to September of each year.
- Section V – Recreation Committee: Added “this committee shall plan, study, supervise and report on all social functions of the Association.”
- Section VI – Publicity Committee: Added Clearview Manor to the name of the Community's newsletter.
- Section VII– Education Committee: Revised the responsibilities of this Committee by deleting the requirement to publish an annual telephone directory and stated more specifically that annually, scholarship applications will be received beginning in March and awards made in June.
- Section XIII: Ways and Means Committee: Revised the duties of this Committee to more clearly state that its primary responsibility is to plan and conduct projects to raise funds for BCCA.
- Section XV: Youth Committee: New section added describing the responsibilities of the newly established Youth Committee.

#### Article VII - Basic Policies

- Section I: Changed the word “combination” to the word “key” in reference to the requirement to change access to BCCA's post office box upon the change of BCCA's administration.
- Section V: Added that the President and Treasurer or Vice President and Treasurer must authorize the expenditures of funds from BCCA Treasury.

#### Article VIII: Proceedings

- Section II: Modified to read “A quorum for a membership meeting duly called shall be the majority of members in attendance.”

#### Article IX - Dues

- Section II: Deleted the section stating that if dues are not paid by the third meeting of the year, the delinquent member shall be automatically expelled from the membership.

Article XI: Dissolution

- Section II: Deleted the word “organizations” and inserted “for community usage” of property disbursed to the community in the event of BCCA’s closure.

Please attend the September 2009 meeting and vote on these proposed amendments.

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**DETACHABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM**



PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM

**NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR** - Please join the BCCA 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 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 \$**\_\_\_\_\_

**The Association needs any help you can provide. Please check which committee/area you would like to help:**  
**Please remember residents’ volunteer service helped us to have such events as Community Day, Halloween Family Fun Night, Breakfast with Santa, Newspaper Delivery, etc.....**

<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 Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify)	

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