

# **BIRCHWOOD/ CLEARVIEW NEWS**




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## **NOTICE: NO "TRICK OR TREATING" IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMILY "FUN NIGHT," FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016, 6 PM TO 10 PM  
AT THE BIRCHWOOD RECREATION CENTER. FREE – (See Enclosed Flyer.)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
<b><i>BIRCHWOOD CITY/CLEARVIEW MANOR COMMUNITY MEETING</i></b> <b><i>Please Attend!!</i></b> <b><u>AGENDA:</u></b> <b><i>--Prince George's Police – Safety and Crime</i></b> <b><i>--Neighborhood Impact Night: "Neighborhood On The Move" Activities</i></b>	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 7:00 pm	Birchwood Recreation Center
 <b><i>FAMILY FUN NIGHT – FREE Fun for the Entire Family</i></b>	Friday, Oct 28, 2016 6 PM to 10 PM	Birchwood Recreation Center
<b><i>COMMUNITY-WIDE "CLEAN-UP- GREEN-UP DAY"</i></b>	Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 9:00 AM to 12 Noon.	Meet at Birchwood Recreation Center at 9:00 AM for Assignment.

### **From the Desk of BCCA's President - Rosie Wilson**

**FALL HAS SPRUNG!!** It's a new season for the Community, and the Association wants to welcome it with open arms as we take up the **Clean-Up/Green-Up** campaign in the month of October. We are soliciting all residents to participate either by joining the team **on October 29, 2016**, or just by sprucing up around your own place of residence. As the leaves change, and the grass stops growing, let us change the way we as a Community have been doing things by taking an interest in how we maintain and see our neighborhood. So, pull up your sleeves and grease up those muscles and let's do this! Remember, **your membership fees, \$20 per year, per household, help the Association do things that will enhance our Community** and create for its residents things of interest, so pitch in and get involved. Come to the meetings, pitch your ideas, and learn what the Association is doing on your behalf. **Hope to see you at our next monthly community meeting!!**

## From the Desk of BCCA's Vice President

Michelle Ross

### October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) celebrates its 30th anniversary. Since its inception, NBCAM has been at the forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues and has evolved along with the national dialogue on breast cancer. Today, NBCAM recognizes that although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished. NBCAM remains dedicated to educating and empowering women to take charge of their own breast health by practicing regular self-breast exams to identify any changes, scheduling regular visits and annual mammograms with their healthcare provider, adhering to

prescribed treatment and knowing the facts about recurrence. The third Friday in October each year is National Mammography Day, first proclaimed by President Clinton in 1993. On this day, or throughout the month, women are encouraged to make a mammography appointment. In 2016, National Mammography Day will be celebrated on October 21, 2016. Call a family member and make sure they schedule a mammogram. The call may help save a life.

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### BCCA Recognizes all of our Veterans. We say "Thank You" for serving our country! Significance of Veterans' Day – November 11, 2016

**Veterans' Day 2016** is a federal holiday (previously known as Armistice Day) observed annually on November 11, not only in the United States but in many other countries throughout the world. In the United States, it is a day that honors all men and women that have served as military veterans in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day should not be mistaken with Memorial Day; Veterans' Day celebrates the service of all United States military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.

**History of Veterans' Day** - The history of Veterans' Day dates back to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect, bringing an end to World War I. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was proclaimed by President Wilson and commemorated United States' Veterans who served in World War I for the first time. In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized November 11 as the end of World War I and declared that day as the anniversary of the armistice. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a Public Law which stated that Veterans Day would, again, be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day 2016 is celebrated on November 11.

**Traditions of Veterans' Day** - Traditionally, Veterans' Day 2016 is viewed as a time of honor and remembrance. Annually, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans' Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery (in Virginia), while parades, church services and other celebrations are held throughout the United States. In many places, the American flag is hung at half-mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11 am. **BCCA is grateful for your service!**



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**Warm Coat Drive - It's Time To Share the Warmth!** More than just an article of clothing, **that gently worn warm coat or sweater** hanging in the back of your closet can be life changing support for someone in need, such as an individual going on a job interview or a child living in a shelter going to school on the first cold-winter day without warm clothing. **Hopefully; you will consider donating your "gently used" or, even better, a new winter item during the upcoming winter season. As a community, we are also collecting new hats, gloves and socks for men, women and especially children** in need throughout Prince Georges County. Over the past few years, members of the BCCA community have donated over 100 coats and sweaters, as well as new hats, gloves, and socks. Let's keep up the good work and make this a season of

helping to bring warmth to our neighbors. Be assured, all donations are distributed to government/county approved, non-profit agencies or local churches, within our immediate community. If you donate, please let Michelle Ross know if you wish to receive a receipt for tax purposes. **If you want to assist in this endeavor, please contact Michelle at 240-441-8447 or via e-mail: Sapphire09@comcast.net. Clean Coats and Sweaters and new hats, gloves and socks, will be collected between November 15, 2016 and January 14, 2017.**

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## **From the Desk of BCCA's Youth Committee Chair**

*Marriner Merrill*



### **Annual Boy Scouts of America's "Scouting for Food" Drive**

**Food Drive! Pickup is November 12, 2016, 9:00 am -** The annual Boy Scouts of America food drive "Scouting for Food" will be this November. Again, Troop 47 will be covering our neighborhood. They will pass out grocery bags with flyers as a reminder in early November, and then will be around to pick up the food on November 12 after 9 am. Food can be in any bag, just set it on the porch and we will pick it up! **We will take all the food to the Oxon Hill Food Pantry.**

I was there when the scouts took the food to the food pantry last year. The building was crowded with people in need (the food pantry has such a limited supply that they can only help a given family once or twice in a year). You should have seen the surprise and happiness on the faces of the staff as we brought in bag after bag of food from Birchwood/Clearview. **Please, let's do even more this year!**

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**Voting:** Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016 - Polls are opened 7 AM-8 PM.

**Early Voting** – You may vote early from Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3 - from 8 am until 8 pm. The closest early voting site to our community is the Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex,  
7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington MD 20744.

**Deadline to Register to Vote:** November 3 if in person and October 18 if online or by mail.

**Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests:** Tuesday, November 1 if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax and Friday, November 4 if you want to download your ballot from the State's website:

[http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/documents/Absentee\\_Ballot\\_Application\\_English.pdf](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/documents/Absentee_Ballot_Application_English.pdf)

For general questions about voting, please call Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or go to website: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/559/Board-of-Elections>

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## **From the Desk of Chair, Transforming Neighborhood Initiative –**

*Sylvia Griffin*

### **Glassmanor/Oxon Hill Transforming Neighborhood Initiative (TNI) and Sustainable Community Designation**

Community!!! Are you aware of the Glassmanor/Oxon Hill TNI and Sustainable Community Designations and what these two programs offer to connect our community to all Prince Georges County Government services; enhance our neighborhood; provide programs for our children, our seniors and the general population? The three main objectives on the table for Birchwood City/Clearview Manor, as we plan for our tomorrows are: Education!! Business Partnerships!! Real Estate!! Attend the October 20th BCCA Community Meeting to learn more about the subject Initiative and Designation. **Get involved in matters that are important to you and our County.**

## From the Desk of BCCA's Committee on Beautification Chair

Betty Woods

Hey friends and neighbors, are you enjoying the change we're experiencing with the weather? Fall is definitely making a push to make its presence known. Having said that, I am bringing you great news. **October 29th is Cleanup-Green-Up Day** throughout the County and especially in our neighborhood. On this day, we want to show our community pride in our homes as well as in our community. I am imploring each of you to set aside this day and dedicate it as a day to give back by joining us at the recreation center armed with a positive attitude, a little elbow grease and a willing spirit. Together we can make a huge difference. We will attack the trash, clutter and debris that deface our streets and park; cultivate designated areas and plant bulbs and flowering shrubs. Let's also take a close look at our own property and do a little maintenance. Perhaps this is the time to do that final cut and edge as well as trim back bushes and limbs. Oh, and let's not forget to put down a coat of lime and turf builder to give our lawns a jumpstart for next spring. If there is clutter or discarded trash, then it's definitely time to **make an appointment with bulky trash for pickup**. Call 301-883-4748 or go to <http://bulkytrash.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>



**We will meet at the recreation center promptly at 9:00 am on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** and with all hands on deck we should be done long before noon. We were unable to get a dumpster this year but have already made reservation for next year's spring and fall cleanup. Those of you who will assist in planting, please bring your shovels and a few rakes. We will supply gloves (plastic, not the gardening type) trash bags, reflective vests and the litter scoopers. I am very optimistic because I know that you care about your personal property/community as much as I do. **So please don't disappoint us, join us and help make a difference.**

**HELP NEEDED:** We are looking for two (2) community volunteers to assist with picking up plants and materials between 8 am and 3 pm on any of these dates: October 17-21, October 24-28 or October 29. **For more detailed information, including pick-up location, please contact either Betty Woods at [bttwoods@aol.com](mailto:bttwoods@aol.com) or Sharon Sims at [sharon.sims2@verizon.net](mailto:sharon.sims2@verizon.net).**

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## From the Desk of BCCA's Education Committee and Valley View PTA President - Donald Hanciles

**STEM-ULATION: African American Inventions and Robotics** - Learn about African American Engineers and. experience hands-on workshop. Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 5pm-8pm. Ages 12-17 at Oxon Hill Library.

**High School Students Heading to College Can File for Financial Aid Early** - On Sept. 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®). Starting with the 2017-18 application cycle, **students can file the form as early as Oct. 1, 2016, and** report income information from an earlier tax year. Students and families interested in learning more should visit website [StudentAid.gov/fafsa-changes](http://StudentAid.gov/fafsa-changes).



### Valley View PTA Used Book Drive and Book Fair – Christine Merrill

The Valley View PTA is sponsoring a **used book drive** to benefit the school library from October 10-14. Any children's books are welcome, and books in very good or "like new" condition can earn coupons for our upcoming book fair! Contact the school or Christine Merrill ([ctmerrill@gmail.com](mailto:ctmerrill@gmail.com) or call 435-709-8269) for more information. The shelves at the Valley View library are almost bare, and we hope the entire community can help fill the shelves! Donations of new books or money to buy new books are also welcome. **Book Fair: October 25-27**. Come to the school from 10 am to 2 pm and buy books for the children in your life. Perfect for Christmas or birthdays. Half of your purchase is returned directly to the school to buy books for the library!



# **FUN NIGHT**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

Hosted By

**BIRCHWOOD CITY/CLEARVIEW MANOR COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION, INC. (BCCA)**

**AT BIRCHWOOD RECREATION CENTER**

**1331 Fenwood Avenue, Oxon Hill MD 20745**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO "FUN NIGHT" FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY: FREE**

## **COSTUME CONTEST**

**The Most Creative Costume, The Cutest Costume,  
The Funniest Costume and The Best All Around.**

**AGES: 1 YEAR TO 16 YEARS OF AGE**

## **FOOD**

**HOT DOGS, CUPCAKES, JUICE AND OTHER SNACKS**



**GAMES**



## **DANCE CONTEST**



**PLEASE BRING A CANNED FOOD ITEM.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MONITOR GAMES AND JUDGE THE COSTUME AND DANCE CONTESTS. High School Students: Volunteer and Get Community Service Hours. FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED. If You Would Like to Volunteer or Make a Financial Donation, Please Contact LOTTIE MCCOY at 202-355-5985 or MICHELLE ROSS AT 240-441-8447.**

# Noche de diversion



**Viernes, 28 de octubre de 2016, 6 pm a 10:00 PM**

**Organizado por**

**BIRCHWOOD CITY/CLEARVIEW MANOR  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (BCAA)**

**EN EL CENTRO DE RECREO DE BIRCHWOOD  
1331 Fenwood Avenue, Oxon Hill MD 20745**

**Le invita una "Noche de Diversion" para toda la familia: Gratis**

## **CONCURSO DE DISFRACES**

**El traje más creativo, el traje más lindo,  
El disfraz más divertido y lo mejor de todo.**

**EDAD: 1 AÑO A 16 AÑOS DE EDAD**

## **ALIMENTOS**

**HOT DOGS, TORTAS (Cupcakes), JUGO Y OTROS APERITIVOS**



**Música**

**Juegos**

## **CONCURSO DE BAILE**



**POR FAVOR SI PUEDE, TRAIGA UN ALIMENTO ENLATADO**

**VOLUNTARIOS SE NECESITAN PARA JUEGOS DE MENORES Y JUEZ DE LOS  
CONCURSOS DE DISFRACES Y BAILE. Estudiantes de secundaria: Puedes obtener horas de  
servicio comunitario si eres voluntario o juez. TAMBIÉN Se SOLICITAN DONACIONES  
FINANCIERAS. Si desea ser voluntario o hacer una donación financiera, póngase en contacto con  
LOTTIE MCCOY al 202-355-5985 o MICHELLE ROSS al 240-441-8447.**

## YELLOW PAGES – Key Information And Phone Numbers

### Monday

**Yard Waste Collection Day** - (Grass, leaves, brush and Christmas trees). Place yard waste in a collection can or use large, waste paper bags.

### Thursday

#### Regular Trash and Recycle Trash Collection Day

**Bulk Trash Pick-Up:** (Household Appliances, Mattresses, Furniture, Lawnmowers, Tires, Computers, Toys, Etc.)

**Schedule An Appointment. Dial 311 or call 301-883-4748,**

**or go online to** <http://bulkytrash.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

**Prince George's County Police: EMERGENCY - DIAL 911**

**For Non-Emergencies, Call 301-352-1200**

**Prince George's County Services** - (Tax information, Property Information, Potholes, Animal Issues, Transportation, And Much More)

**Dial 311 or go to website:**

<https://princegeorges-csrprodawi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntake>

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

### WE CAN HELP

**BIRCHWOOD CITY-CLEARVIEW MANOR**

**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (BCCA)**

**(NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR - Sept 2016 to Aug 2017)**

MEMBERSHIP FORM (Sept 2016 to Aug 2017). Please join and help **your community** by detaching and completing this form and enclosing your annual membership fee of \$20.00 per household. Please make your check payable to BCCA and mail to BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD. 20745-0007. Please include the following information:

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME of RESIDENT(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Membership Dues** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ **Donation for Scholarship** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ **General Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

The Community Association (BCCA) needs your help. Any amount of time is valuable. Would you like to volunteer for just a **Little While** to make a **Big Impact** in any of the following areas? (Please check all areas of interest.)

Membership	Hospitality	Youth	Beautification	Sponsored Activities
Education	Recreation	Technology	Ways and Means	Other Areas (Please explain)
Legislative	Publicity	Public Affairs	Community Service	

## PÁGINAS amarillas-información clave y números de teléfono

### Lunes

**Día de recogida de residuos yarda-** (Césped, hojas, cepillo y Navidad árboles). Basura de la yarda del lugar en una colección puede o usar bolsas de papel grandes, residuos.

### Jueves

#### Basura y día de recolección de basura de reciclaje

**Recogida de basura como:** (Electrodomésticos, colchones, muebles, cortadoras de césped, neumáticos, ordenadores, juguetes, etc.)

**La cita. Teléfono 311 o llamada 301-883-4748,**

**o visite** <http://bulkytrash.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

**De policía del Condado de Prince George: emergencia - DIAL 911**

**Si no es de emergencia, llame al 301-352-1200**

**Servicios de Condado de Prince George** -(Información, información de la propiedad, taxes, ollos en los caminos, temas de animales, transporte y mucho más)

**Teléfono 311 o vaya al sitio web:**

<https://princegeorges-csrprodwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.Mvc/SRIntake>

## M E M B E R S H I P F O R M

### PODEMOS AYUDAR A

**BIRCHWOOD CITY CLEARVIEW MANOR  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (BCAA)**

**(Nuevo año - septiembre de 2016 a agosto del 2017 )**

FORMULARIO de inscripción (septiembre de 2016 a agosto del 2017). Por favor, Únete y ayuda a **tu comunidad**. Por favor, separar y completa este formulario y manda tu membresia anual de \$20.00 por familia. Por favor haga su cheque pagadero a BCAA y envíalo al BCAA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD. 20745-0007. O también puedes traerla a la junta general. Por favor incluya la siguiente información:

**FECHA** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMBRE DE RESIDENTE (S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOMICILIO** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMERO DE  
TELEFONO** \_\_\_\_\_

**Correo electrónico** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Membresia \$** \_\_\_\_ ☐ **Donation para becas \$** \_\_\_\_ ☐ **General donación** \_\_\_\_

La Asociación de la comunidad (BCAA) necesita tu ayuda. Cualquier cantidad de tiempo es valioso. ¿Quieres ser voluntario solo unos **pocos minutos** y hacer un **gran impacto** en cualquiera de las siguientes áreas? (Por favor marque todas las áreas de interés).

Calidad de miembro	Hospitalidad	Jóvenes	Embelllecimiento del	Actividades patrocinadas
Educación	Recreación	Tecnología	Formas y medios	Otras áreas (por favor explicar)
Legislativo	Publicidad	Asuntos públicos	Servicio a la comunidad	