



## BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW

# NEWSLETTER

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*It's Membership Drive Time - \$25 per household*

### COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Prince George's County Police:** For Emergency dial 911, non-emergency, dial 301-352-1200.
- **Request services from Prince George's County:** dial 311 or download the mobile Apps PGC311 at [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.connectedbits.connectedcounty311&hl=en\\_US&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.connectedbits.connectedcounty311&hl=en_US&gl=US)
- **Use of Birchwood Park Building – Dial 301-699-2255**



### UPCOMINGEVENTS

Community-Wide Meeting – **Please join us Thursday, January 18, 2023, 7:00 PM, via ZOOM**, for all who live in the Birchwood City-Clearview Manor Community. **Remember, you don't have to wait until the monthly meeting to get your questions/concerns addressed, you may send your questions via email to [bccaconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:bccaconcerns@gmail.com).**

**Saturdays @ 9am** - Fitness in Birchwood Park with Planet Fitness Coach, Will Chambers, **is now via Zoom for the winter months.** See you on Zoom!

**Coming soon to Birchwood/Clearview - Diversity Awareness!** Diversity is important because it helps communities to learn from others and understand that everyone is unique and special in their own way! The focus will be to encourage learning and personal growth by interacting with different cultures from diverse backgrounds to expand knowledge and understanding of different cultures, values, and experiences.

## From the Desk of BCCA President, Sylvia Griffin



**Happy New Year Birchwood Residents!** Let us bid farewell to the old and welcome the New Year, take a moment to reflect on the past year. Our community has thrived, and we're excited for what lies ahead in 2024!

Here's a little glimpse reflecting on moments that made our community thrive in 2023. A heartfelt thank you for our Birchwood/Clearview volunteers who dedicated their time and energy putting together BCCA Community Day which was a wonderful event in October; Breakfast with Santa that brought us laughter, joy, and a sense of togetherness in celebrating the Holidays. This type of togetherness makes a positive impact on our community. In looking ahead to 2024, get ready for a year filled with engaging activities. BCCA will be implementing exciting plans for 2024 to enhance community growth so your input and participation are key to making 2024 even more remarkable.

BCCA look forward to our residents celebrating or even showcase your achievements, whether it's a personal goal or a project you may have completed, BCCA in 2024 would love to put a spotlight on your accomplishments.

We also value your feedback and suggestions, especially as we embark on a new year. We want to ensure that our community continues to thrive, so share your thoughts and ideas, and let us work together to make Birchwood an even better place to live.

***Here's to a fantastic year ahead! Let's make 2024 a year to remember!***

## From BCCA Beautification Committee Chair, Betty Woods

***Happy New Year and blessings friends and neighbors!***

Here we are at the beginning of a brand-new year. Did you make new year promises? Are there ongoing goals you need to complete? You know the key word is **commitment**. The next step is **determination** and **drive**. Sometime this requires sacrifices. Remember, only you can make it happen. I wish the very best for each and every one of you!



I'm going to dive right into a recurring concern that has now become a problem. **POOP!** When you walk your dog(s) and fail to pick up the poop, that's being nasty and downright disrespectful to the neighbor whose yard is involved. We know the golden rule, now please, let's apply it! Please remind your children to clean up when walking their pets. This is becoming an ongoing problem and we must do better! Many homes are equipped with cameras and these acts are being recorded. **Let's avoid a confrontation which could lead to serious consequences by doing the right thing.**

On a more positive note, start planning now for your beautification projects. Let's make our awesome and caring community a model for our county.

**Peace!**

## From the Desk of BCCA Secretary, Wanda Gross



Wanda R. Gross

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- POWER OF ATTORNEY
- TITLES/ BILL OF SALE
- REFINANCES & MORTGAGES
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- BANK FORMS
- SCHOOL FORMS
- WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY
- AND MORE..

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*so nice to meet you!*

I'm Wanda R. Gross, a Certified Mobile Notary Signing Agent and Estate Planning Document specialist based in Oxon Hill Prince Georges County Maryland! Providing accurate, prompt, and professional service to my clients is my priority. I'll expertly guide clients through the signing process and ensure that all documents are signed and delivered on time!

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## From the BCCA Ways and Means Committee Chair, Sharon Sims-Colbert

Your Home is your "**Happy Place & Sanctuaries**" through good & not so good life events. It is the place that you chose to capture "Your Peace," raise your families and introduce to your family members to include grandchildren, great grands & extended family members. We take pride in our habitats.

The Birchwood-Clearview Community in the Southern Area of Prince George's County, surrounded by beautiful curbside trees in the inner part and surrounded with lavish wooded areas in the outer surrounding. Not perfect, but there is continuous effort to enhance through strong partnerships. Our Community Association Members that serve on the current combined Executive Board & Committee Boards, along with active residents, make the difference and we cordially invite you to join one of our "Committees" in 2024!!



We have volunteered for decades and I take this opportunity to acknowledge them as they stepped down from major roles in 2023. **Ms. Michelle Ross, Past Acting President/Vice President & Ms. Lucy Hall, Past Publication Chair.** Advocating & Volunteering are core attributes of each of these ladies!! You both gave generously through acts and deeds to support a multitude of facets of our community. You are more than "Prince George's Proud," you have been & continue to be Birchwood-Clearview Committed!!

To all residents, I would if I did not stress the importance of each & every one of you. **"Membership" is the start.** We know that each of you may not have the time nor space to add one more consistent item to your plates, however, I am a believer that stresses that everyone can contribute something. Come join us at Community Meetings, Volunteer for an Event, bring opportunities to enhance our community!!

### Closing out 2023 for the Ways & Means Committee

- ✓ [CLIMATE CHANGE](#) - (Continuous)
- ✓ [PGC 311 Awardee's](#) - Ms. Michelle Ross & Sharon R. Sims-Colbert
- ✓ [Community "Stormwater System"](#) - Repair of collapsed stormwater area. Monitoring - (Continues)
- ✓ [University of Maryland – \(Designation Through 2026\)](#)  
"Green Team Action Plan Graduates" - Ms. Michelle Ross & Ms. Sharon R. Sims-Colbert
- ✓ [Prince George's County "Residential 2023 Awardee's"](#) - 9 Awards
- ✓ A member of the Ways & Means Team was invited & accepted an appointment to the Prince George's "Climate Change Study Committee Taskforce."

*Claiming An Outstanding 2024 Year!! Your Ways & Means Committee,*

*[Sharon R. Sims-Colbert](#) / [Michelle Ross](#) / [Denise Jordan-Williams](#)*



## From BCCA Publicity Committee Chair, *Veda Dixon*

### **Hello Neighbors! We are blessed to see another year – 2024!**

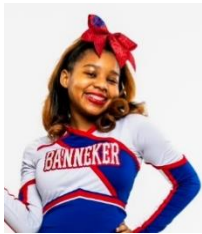
*A new year to make a difference...become a BCCA Member, volunteer, attend our BCCA meeting, or maybe start a business, write a book, or finish a project you started. What will this new year say about you? What will you accomplish or do differently this year?*



Well, I would like to get to know my neighbors better this year and I bet you have some “Good News” to share with me as well. So, with that said, when you see me walking through the neighborhood with my Bling-Love hat on 😊, don’t be shy to share your good news. Whether you, your child, or grandchild did well in school, start a business, graduated or received a certificate of completion, that’s good news. Maybe you just celebrated an anniversary, or a Cancer survivor, whatever it is, we just want to celebrate your Good News!



**The “Good News” Segment!** This is where we share and feature your “Good News”! We hope the “Good News” will inspire, encourage, and give our readers “food for thought.” With that said, **please send me any “Good News” you would like to share, the first Monday of each month via email [H15642vad@hotmail.com](mailto:H15642vad@hotmail.com).**



*I would like to celebrate my granddaughter, Amyah Foster, a junior at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. She is currently cheering for Banneker and maintained a 3.3 GPA. She also volunteered and participated in BCCA’s 2023 Breakfast with Santa and did an outstanding job helping me set up and participating by singing and helping the children play musical chairs. I am so proud of her! **Ygenia Bounds***



*I would like to celebrate my son, David Crawley, for starting his business and becoming CEO of Nagid Transportation, LLC, Car Rental Service, using [Turo](#) as an online platform ([Book a Car with NAGID | Turo](#)). I appreciate his “grind” as an entrepreneur, auto mechanic, and proud father of four beautiful girls. Congratulations son! **Veda Dixon***

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



***“HAPPY BIRTHDAY” TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH!  
May your day be blessed and filled with joy!***

**Flower – Carnations**

**Birthstone – Garnet, a reddish stone**

**Zodiac – Capricorns (Jan. 1 to Jan. 19) and Aquarius (Jan. 21 to 31)**



**Parks & Recreation:** Looking for something to do? Activities, golfing, pools, boating, Museums & Art Galleries, and much more, check out Parks Direct [Memberships & Passes - Park and Recreation - Prince Georges County MD \(pgparks.com\)](#)

**Unlicensed Rental Homes** - A rental license must be obtained to rent a single or multi-family dwelling. Please go online at <http://dpie.mypgc.us> under Forms and Checklist or call 301-883-6168 for more information.

**Dogs Should Be On Leash** - Per Prince George’s County Regulations, it is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Violators are subject to pet impoundment and fines. Call 311 with concerns.

**No Smoking in Parks** - The Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George’s County, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, sends a reminder to the community **that its parks have been and will continue to be smoke free. This includes all forms of tobacco, e-cigarettes, vapes and marijuana.**



**Don’t forget your recyclable bag!**

From BCCA Membership Committee Chair, *Gloria Hernandez Saunders*



**Hello, Birchwood–Clearview Residents!** Thank you for your membership with the Birchwood City-Clearview Manor Community Association (BCCA).

This year, BCCA Membership Committee will launch a Community-Wide Membership Drive going from door-to-door. We want to welcome our new neighbors as well as our long-standing neighbors to become a part of BCCA.

**As the saying goes, “United we Stand, Divided we Fall.”**

We want our community to be **United** in order to make a difference and to change/improve the things we can for the betterment of our wonderful community. Your membership also helps us fund fun events for the whole family like Community Day, Grown Folks Night Out, Breakfast with Santa, and more.

If you would like to join the Membership Committee to help me with the door-to-door Community-Wide Membership Drive, or become a member (\$25 membership per household yearly) please email me at [army320@verizon.net](mailto:army320@verizon.net).

**Your Membership Dues Have Contributed to the Following Community Benefits--And Much, Much More:**

- Thousands of dollars in scholarships provided to our youth to further their education;
- Newsletter-Printing & Distribution - keeping you abreast and up to date on what's going on in the neighborhood, including state and county impact;
- Maryland officials' spending over \$3 million to build sound/safety barriers along the Capital Beltway near the Birchwood-Clearview Community;
- Street Cleaning supplies - the people you see walking with trash bags and picker uppers and mowing the entrance are keeping our community clean; County-Wide Growing Green with Pride Clean-Up Projects;
- Walking Trail, tennis and basketball courts, the pavilion, and the planned playground at Birchwood Park;
- Tree planting throughout the community under Prince George's County "Right Place/Right Tree Program;"
- Community Center activities & senior activities: teen and adult Valentine dances, Halloween parties, exercise classes and chronic disease management and healthy eating classes;
- Community Days, annual holiday events including Family Breakfast/Dinner with Santa;
- Food/Coat Drives (in support of local Food Banks/Shelters); Holiday Basket Distributions and much, much more.

**BIRCHWOOD CITY-CLEARVIEW MANOR  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (BCCA)  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

BCCA’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for residents of the Birchwood City-Clearview Manor Community. This is accomplished through community volunteers and membership dues from residents.

Become a member of BCCA for the calendar year 2024 by completing this form and enclosing your annual membership fee of \$25.00 per household. Please make your check/money order payable to BCCA. You may complete the form and pay at our monthly meeting held every third Thursday or mail to:

**BCCA, P.O. Box 7  
Oxon Hill, MD. 20745-0007  
ATTN: Mrs. Hernandez Saunders, BCCA Membership**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE  
NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

- Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation for Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Community volunteers are needed. This includes students who need community service hours. Volunteering for just a Little While can make a Big Impact in any of the following areas. Please check all areas of interest.**

Membership	Recreation/Youth	Publicity	Education	Legislative
Beautification	Hospitality	Communications	Community Service	Ways and Means/Sponsored Activities
Any Other Areas of Interest (Please explain)				

To see some of BCCA’s accomplishments over the years, please read the articles under the Membership Committee in this newsletter and also click on <https://welcometobcca.org/about/>

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING AND SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**