



BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW

NEWSLETTER

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BCCA Annual Membership Drive - \$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**
- **Use of Birchwood Park Building – Dial 301-699-2255**



UPCOMINGEVENTS

Community-Wide Meeting – has been cancelled for June, 20th.

Instead, please come out Thursday, June 20th and support the “Cause for Paws” event by donating pet supplies, held at the Birchwood Recreation Center, 7pm – 10pm. See flyer below for more information.

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.

Health and Wellness

- **Line Dancing - Wednesdays from 1:15pm – 2:15pm, Birchwood Recreation Center – Get out there and learn to line dance with instructor Mary Coleman. Use your mind, learn a dance and increase your steps; because your health is your wealth!**

- **Fitness in the Park - Saturdays @ 9am** - Fitness at Birchwood Park with Planet Fitness Coach, Will Chambers, **is now back at Birchwood City Recreation Park under the Pavilion (weather permitting).**

Parks and Recreation with BCCA Presents: Come Out and Play - June 26 @ 6pm – 8pm. Fun for the whole family. More details will be announced.

BCCA
Birchwood City Clearview Manor Community Association

WildBunch SC
Presents:
Cause for Paws
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Help us support our furry friends!

Donate supplies for homeless pets:

- Dry Food
- Canned Food
- Pet Treats
- Collars/Leashes
- Cat Litter
- Pet Toys
- Towels
- Pet Beds
- Laundry Detergent
- Heat Lamps

Drop Off Location:
Birchwood
1331 Fenwood Ave Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Time: 7-10pm

Our mission is to provide complete care for abused and abandoned dogs and cats, from rescue to medical care, rehabilitation, and placement in a forever home!

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From the Desk of BCCA President, Sylvia Griffin



WELCOME to JUNE!

The month of June marks the official start of summer, bringing with it longer days, warmer weather, and host of celebrations. Our newsletter theme this month is about kicking off the summer season with joy, wellness, and community activities. Let's dive into the vibrant opportunities that June offers!

Just like last month the focus was on mental health, embracing the outdoors and prioritizing wellness is also a part of your mental health as well. Step out into your backyards, embrace gardening or simply soaking up the sun with your favorite hot or cold drink...I like doing a cup of coffee in the morning, there are numerous ways to make the most of this vibrant time of year. June is also a perfect time to explore outdoors, for those of you who like walking, hiking, biking to picnicking and maybe a little camping.

I think being in nature, not only provides physical benefits but again, enhances mental well-being. Previously, I mentioned gardening which is a fantastic way to connect with nature while also nurturing your own well-being. Gardening has been shown to reduce stress, improve mood, and even provide a moderate form of exercise plus, there's nothing quite like the taste of home-grown vegetables and herbs.

As we know, June is a month full of celebrations, from Father's Day, Graduations, Weddings and more. June is also a great time to get involved in community events and volunteer activities. Participate in our Birchwood Community clean-up drives, newsletter delivery, join a committee and much more. Giving back to your community not only helps our environment but also fosters a sense of belonging and purpose.

Let's us welcome June and make a conscious effort to step outside, breathe in the air, and embrace all the wellness benefits that nature has to offer. Remember to take care of yourself and make the most of this beautiful month.

From the BCCA Beautification Committee Chair, Betty Woods



Hey, hey, good friends and neighbors!

I really hope each of you are enjoying those brand-new mercies we get daily, this awesome weather, your circle of family and friends and life in general. This is an ideal time to scroll the neighborhood, admire and get tips on yard appeal and in the process make new friends.

Do you know the families on your street? If you can't answer yes, then make that effort. We want to be known as **"The Community that Cares,"** so let's make that happen! I hope you're enjoying the park, the fitness classes and the activities that are offered. These things don't just pop up, someone puts in the work to pull things together so please show your appreciation by being supportive.

Kudos to those who go out and remove trash and debris that some disrespectfully discard. I see people doing acts of service to beautify our awesome community almost daily; I commend you.

We should all be supportive and **make an investment** in our community. Each day is a special gift that we're given let's start each day with a prayer, a smile and an attitude of gratitude.
Peace, blessings and a great day to all. 😊

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



Update on New Playground - This is the update from MNCPPC concerning Groundbreaking of the new playground. Bid review is in process. I will advise when selection is made and Groundbreaking event is scheduled.

2023/2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR PAL CONNECT BOXING LEAGUE

The **PAL Connect Boxing League** is a community bonding mentoring program that focuses on character development and building positive connections between the Prince George's County Police Department and the youth in our community. Our mission is to tap into each child's potential by building confidence and discipline and building character through mentoring via the sport of boxing. The program is available for boys and girls, ages 10 to 15.

For more information, please contact **POFC Boone, Program Coordinator** via email https://www.pgcpal.org/page_element/compose_email/2087387 or **Corporal Schnitzenbaumer, Pal Liaison** https://www.pgcpal.org/page_element/compose_email/2520997

Enigma Boxing Gym
9100 Edgeworth Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

From BCCA Publicity Committee Chair, Veda Dixon



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.**



Congratulations to all the 2024 Graduating High School Seniors, and as well as all who graduated college, trade school or was promoted to kindergarten, middle or high schools 😊.



My granddaughter, **Aalyiah Crawley**, was promoted to middle school with honors and several awards; grandma so proud of you!

Please send me a photo and/or writeup on your son, daughter, or grandchild who graduated this year...this is "**Good News**"! I would like to give them a shout-out under the Good News segment.



JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY” TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH!

May your day be blessed and filled with joy!

Zodiacs – Gemini (June 1st – 20th) and Cancer (June 21st - 30th)

Flowers – Gemini (Lavender) and Cancer (White Rose)

Birthstones – Gemini (Emerald/Pearl) and Cancer (Pearl/Ruby)



§ 11-267. Fireworks., Division 4. FIRE PREVENTION CODE ... - eLaws

It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, possess, store, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell, discharge, use, burn, or explode any **fireworks** in **Prince George's County**, Maryland, except that an authorized display may be conducted by a fireworks shooter.

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.

FYI - Beginning the week of July 1, 2024, Prince George's County is expanding its **Clear the Curb** waste collection services for residents receiving County-contracted trash and recycling pickup. The new services will increase the number of acceptable curbside bulky trash items **from two (2) to four (4)** and introduce monthly curbside scrap metal and electronics recycling appointments. These enhanced services will continue modernizing and streamlining our current residential collection services.

From BCCA Education Committee Acting Chair, Michelle Ross



Doris Saunders Community Scholarship 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

Calling all College Bound Students - The Birchwood/Clearview Manor Community Association (BCCA) in collaboration with our residents want to celebrate passionate, college-bound students, as you prepare to take the next step on your journey to greatness! We are looking for dedicated students. We are looking for leaders... We are looking for students that have given back to their community. A leader in school! The bottom line is that we want to reward students who have excelled both in and outside of the classroom. If this sounds like you, please keep reading!

The ***Doris Saunders Scholarship***, in the amount of \$400.00, is in honor and loving memory of a valued, beloved community member and volunteer who served her community. We want to continue in the tradition of paying it forward and honor students who have given back to the community and will continue to "give back" to their community. Two deserving students will receive the scholarship, based on merit, leadership and commitment to community.

Qualifications to Apply:

- 1) Graduated from high school in May/June 2024;
- 2) is a current Birchwood/Clearview Manor resident;
- 3) is planning to enroll in an accredited undergraduate program for the 2024 - 2025 Academic school year; and,
- 4) Must have a grade point average of 2.75

Proof of all qualifications will be required, if selected.

The ***Doris Saunders Scholarship*** recipients will be selected by a committee, based on the following:

- 1) Participation and leadership in the community (including church and/or place of worship) and high school leadership activities (list your activities in your submission); and
- 2) Submission of a 200-word essay: "Why higher education and community involvement are important in the 21st Century."

Applicants should submit their entries via email to Michelle Ross, ross063012@gmail.com, Attention 2024 BCCA Scholarship Committee, no later than **Friday, August 2, 2024**. **Please include your address, phone number, e-mail and Parent/Guardian contact information.** The scholarship proceeds will be paid directly to your institution to assist with books or tuition. If you are selected, you will be notified by e-mail and will be honored at a future Birchwood/Clearview Manor Community meeting. And, your essay will be shared in the BCCA Newsletter.

On behalf of all the dedicated members of the Birchwood/Clearview Manor Community Association and the family of Doris Saunders, we wish you good luck! If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Ross.

From BCCA Membership Committee Chair, *Gloria Hernandez Saunders*

BCCA MEMBERSHIP FORM



**Birchwood City-Clearview Manor
Community Association, Inc.,
Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (BCCA)**

BCCA 2024 Membership Drive

(January-December)

Annual Membership Fee: \$25.00 per household

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.

Benefits Derived From Membership Dues Include: Scholarships to further education; Family Community Day, Breakfast with Santa, back-to-school supplies, etc.; newsletter printing & distribution to keep residents updated on pertinent information; County-wide Clean-up projects and tree planting; construction of and upkeep of the walking trail, tennis and basketball courts, the pavilion, and the upcoming new playground at Birchwood Park; and much, much more.

Please complete this Membership Form and mail it with your check/money order payable to BCCA. Mail to: BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD 20745-0007, Attn: Mrs. Hernandez Saunders, Membership Chair.

OR pay your membership dues via **Zelle**: Login to your bank app, send money using Zelle. Search for BCCA's Treasurer, Percell Walker's, email: Percellwalker@verizon.net - BIRCHWOOD CITY COMMUNITY ASSOC.,

OR use **CashApp** - \$birchwoodBCCA (Percellwalker@verizon.net)

NOTE: If you use Zelle or CashApp, Be sure to complete this form and email it to Mrs. Hernandez Saunders at army320@verizon.net

DATE _____

Name(s) of Residents _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **E-mail** _____

Membership Dues\$___ **Scholarship Donation**\$___ **General Donation**\$___ **Total** \$___

Would you like to volunteer in any of these areas? **Membership**
 Recreation/Youth **Publicity** **Education** **Ways and means/Sponsored Activities**
 Beautification **Hospitality** **Communication** **Community Services**
 Legislation

THANK YOU FOR JOINING BCCA FOR THE YEAR 2024!

FORMULARIO DE MEMBRESÍA DE BCCA



**Comunitaria Birchwood City-
Clearview Manor, Inc.,
Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (BCCA)**
**Campaña de membresía de BCCA 2024
(enero-diciembre)**
Cuota de membresía anual: \$25.00 por hogar

La misión de BCCA es mejorar la calidad de vida de los residentes de la comunidad Birchwood City-Clearview Manor. Esto se logra a través de voluntarios de la comunidad y cuotas de membresía de los residentes.

Los beneficios derivados de las cuotas de membresía incluyen: becas para educación superior; Día de la Comunidad Familiar, Desayuno con Santa, útiles escolares, etc.; impresión y distribución de boletines para mantener a los residentes actualizados sobre la información pertinente; **Proyectos de limpieza y plantación de árboles en todo el condado; construcción y mantenimiento del sendero para caminar, las canchas de tenis y baloncesto, el pabellón y el próximo nuevo patio de juegos en Birchwood Park; y mucho, mucho más.**

Complete este formulario de membresía y envíelo por correo con su cheque/giro postal a nombre de BCCA. Envíe por correo a: BCCA, P.O. Box 7, Oxon Hill, MD 20745-0007, a la atención de: Sra. Hernandez Saunders, Presidenta de Membresía.

O pague sus cuotas de membresía a través de Zelle: inicie sesión en la aplicación de su banco, envíe dinero usando Zelle. Busque el correo electrónico del Tesorero de BCCA, Percell Walker: Percellwalker@verizon.net - ASOCIACIÓN COMUNITARIA DE BIRCHWOOD CITY,

O use CashApp - \$birchwoodBCCA (Percellwalker@verizon.net)

NOTA: Si utiliza Zelle o CashApp, asegúrese de completar este formulario y enviarlo por correo electrónico. a la Sra. Hernandez Saunders en Army320@verizon.net

FECHA _____

NOMBRE del (los) RESIDENTE(S) _____

DIRECCIÓN _____

TELÉFONO NUMBER _____ **Correo electrónico** _____

Cuotas de membresía \$__ **Donación para beca \$**__ **Donación General \$**__ **Total \$**__

¿Te gustaría ser voluntario en alguna de estas áreas? __ **Membresía**

Recreación/Juventud __ **Publicidad** __ **Educación** __ **Formas y medios/Actividades**

patrocinadas __ **Embelllecimiento** __ **Hospitalidad** __ **Comunicación** __ **Servicios**

Comunitarios __ **Legislación**

¡GRACIAS POR UNIRTE A BCCA PARA EL AÑO 2024!