



## 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](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 July, 18th.**

**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).**

### 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).
- **BCCA Back to School Event** – Tentatively planned, **Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** from 5pm – 8pm; more details will follow soon.

## 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](mailto: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 the Desk of BCCA Secretary, Wanda Gross



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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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FOR INFO

## From the BCCA Event Planner Committee Chair, Ygenia Bounds



Hello Neighbors!

I am happy to say the afternoon Wednesday, Line Dancing Class is continuing. Some of you have been asking for an evening class. **Therefore, there will be an evening Line Dancing Class on July 24th from 6pm to 7pm; as well as BINGO from 7pm to 8pm.** With that said, your participation will determine if we keep the evening class/game night events. If we have good participation, we will continue. Please come out and support your neighborhood events.



Thanks, Ygenia Bounds

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



We have always deserved CLEAN ROADS & TRANSPARENCY on the state roads in our community!

For the last 5 years, we have fought for transparency on road maintenance, cleanliness, and proper grass-cutting in Prince George's County. Out of our fight came the **Maryland State Highway Litter Dashboard**. The dashboard is finally online for all to see when our roads were last cleaned and when they will be cleaned again. This was only made possible due to our community coming together and not being silent.

Link to the Dashboard:

[SHA Litter Pickup Program \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)

Article by Senator Nick Charles: The Charles Connector



### Update: Playground Installation

Although bids had been sent out for this project, I was advised earlier this week of the following.

- a. Original Bids are obsolete,
- b. Close Bids will be going out soon which are mandated by the new budget,
- c. Our original monies earmark for this project are safe, and
- d. Additional monies are required to build the correct drainage to ensure the surface of the play area is habitable at all times.

(Approximate cost \$ 140,000.00). MNCPPC internal Finance Department has been advised of the additional cost needed to complete this project.) Estimate groundbreaking will be during the First Quarter of 2025.

Sharon Sims-Colbert  
Ways & Means Committee

## 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](mailto:H15642vad@hotmail.com).**

Thank you to Prince George's County's Parks and Recreation for the "**Come Out and Play**" event held - June 26 @ 6pm – 8pm. Below are some of the pictures taken, the kids really enjoyed themselves.







## **JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

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

***May your day be blessed and filled with joy!***



**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.

**Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will offer **free summer meal service** at 25 school sites for youth under age 18 now through Friday, August 9. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM and lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Meals must be eaten on site, and dates and times are subject to change.**

For a complete list of school sites, visit the PGCPS Summer Meals website [here](#). Additional free meal locations can be found on the Maryland Summer Meals website [here](#).



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](mailto: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** \_\_\_\_\_ **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!**