



BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW

NEWSLETTER

"A Community That Cares" *JANUARY 2025 EDITION*

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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

January and February Community-Wide Meetings are cancelled.

Join us in March for the next Community-Wide Meeting at 7pm (if via Zoom, the link will be emailed and listed on BCCA website www.welcometobcca.org).

In our previous meetings, we have been working to identify challenges in our community by using the Fishbone Problem Solving tool. One Priority Action has been identified and assigned action items has been listed on the

Action Registry for your review. The Action Registry and April Minutes of Fishbone Problem Solving Method is listed on our website link: [2024 BCCA ACTION REGISTRY - Birchwood Clearview Community Association in Oxon Hill, MD.](#)

Please join us, voice your opinions on things you like and don't like about the community and help us continue to enhance our community and make it even better for all of us.

BCCA is seeking a Spanish/English speaking interpreter to volunteer to attend our monthly meeting to translate English to Spanish and vice-a-versa when needed. For further information, please contact Sylvia Griffin, BCCA President, Text or call 240-460-2342, if you are available. Thank you!

- **Available English Classes for Spanish Speakers (submitted by David Brian Esch)**
Click on link – [FY25-ESL-Flyer-5.20.24.English.pdf](#)

Educación para Adultos
Clases de ESL

Las clases de ESL para adultos (Inglés para hablantes de otros idiomas) son para adultos de otros países que quieren aprender, hablar, comprender, leer, y escribir en inglés

ESL de educación para adultos es para usted si:

- Le gustaría desarrollar su expresión oral y comprensión del idioma inglés para la vida o el trabajo,
- Le gustaría desarrollar sus habilidades en el idioma inglés para el empleo,
- Le gustaría desarrollar sus habilidades en inglés para ayudar a sus hijos con las tareas escolares.

Cómo inscribirse para clases de ESL

- 1) Escanee el código o haga clic en el botón rojo para hacer una cita.
- 2) Inscribese en línea gratis con alguien de nuestro equipo y elija una clase.
- 3) Realice un examen de inglés (No traiga niños)
- 4) Después, estudiantes estarán puestos en un nivel y comenzarán la clase.

Haga una Cita

Por favor haga clic para hacer cita de inscripción ó use este enlace:

<https://forms.gle/eaBo2womqDhZCLpu7>

CLICK HERE

Los fondos para el Programa de Educación de Adultos son proporcionados por:
El Colegio Comunitario de Prince George's
El Departamento del Trabajo de Maryland
El Departamento de Educación de EE.UU

El espacio es limitado
La inscripción es por orden de llegada

PRINCE GEORGE'S
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Adult Education
2024—2025
Horarios de ESL

Prince George's Community College
Adult Education Program
6505 Belcrest Rd, Suite 125
Hyattsville, MD
(301) 546-8350
adulteducation@pgcc.edu
www.pgcc.edu

- **Fitness in the Park - Saturdays @ 9am** - Fitness at Birchwood Park with Planet Fitness Coach, Will Chambers, will be held on Zoom for the winter months. Join us on Zoom in the comfort of your home.

- **Tax Preparation Basic – Rescheduled - Wednesday, January 22, 2025, @ 12 noon (please disregard flyer’s date).**

Oxon Hill Community Association (OHCA)
PRESENTS:
TAX PREPARATION BASIC
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 12 NOON
BERCHWOOD COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATIONAL CENTER
1331 FENWOOD AVENUE
OXON HILL , MKD 20745
PRESENTOR:
JACQUELINE SMITH
“JAS’s Small Business Solutions”





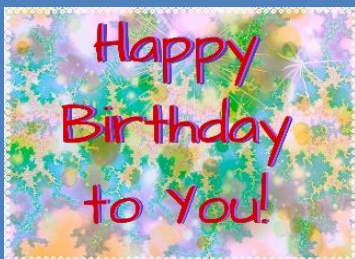

BCCA is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** (18 years and older) to fill committee chair vacancies as well as to serve on various committees.

If you have been asking yourself...how can I serve my community? Ask no longer, we have something for you to do. Contact Veda via email h15642vad@hotmail.com.

Would you like to volunteer in any of these areas?

- Membership
 Recreation/Youth
 Publicity
 Education
 Ways and means
 Beautification
 Hospitality
 Communication
 Community Services
 Legislation
 Diversity
 Event Planning

JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



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

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

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 2025!

Here's a little glimpse reflecting on moments that made our community thrive in 2024. 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 2025, get ready for a year filled with engaging activities. BCCA will be implementing exciting plans for 2025 to enhance community growth so your input and participation are key to making 2025 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 2025 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 2025 a year to remember!



From the Desk of BCCA Secretary, Wanda Gross



Birchwood Clearview Community Association values diversity, equity, and inclusion as fundamental principles. We ensure equal access to sustainable community needs options and opportunities for all, regardless of background or ability. Our goal is to support a safe, welcoming, and empowering environment for our residents. Through education and outreach, we foster understanding and respect for diverse cultures and experiences. Celebrating diversity creates a vibrant and equitable community. If you would like to volunteer and join me on this diversity committee, please contact me via email: wgrossbccasecretary@gmail.com.

From the BCCA Beautification Chair, Betty Woods



Good friends and neighbors, what do you see...a glass half full or half empty?

I greet you with best wishes and high expectations for this new year we've been blessed to see. I eagerly look forward to the new mercies God gives us each day

because we get a chance to start over, do better, and help someone struggling or in need. Life is filled with challenges, hardships and problems, but on the flip side there are blessings, blessings, blessings! How we perceive, grow, and learn, shapes us into the blueprint God designed us to be. When we depend on Him, listen for His voice and are obedient, then we grow into what He designed us to be.



Let's build solid foundations of trust, caring, understanding and kindness. Smile more, others will smile with you. Say something nice to someone. Spend some time with a neighbor and please, check on each other; just do something nice for someone and watch them smile.

You might be wondering how does this tie in to beautification? Well, it makes you a better person, fosters friendship, and grows us into the slogan on our sign, "A Community that Cares", making the world a better place.



So, as you watch the days lengthen, observe more sunlight and see nature unfurl its beauty, knowing that our steps have been ordered; we just have to put the wheels in motion. Let's step into this new reality knowing that whatever hardships, problems, or challenges we face, we will get through them! There is a bright side and no burden is too heavy for God's almighty arms. **WE GOT THIS!!!** Make someone smile today.



From the BCCA Event Planner Chair, Ygenia Bounds



Join us in this New Year! Come out and dance with the Birchwood Line Dancers under the direction of Mary Coleman, Instructor. You will stay fit, all while learning a line dance, dancing to some of your favorite music, meet new people, enjoy planned events, and have fun!

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.**

Thank you to Officer Jerry Umana for responding to my email right-a-way when I asked him to check on a vehicle that has been parked in front of our house for over a month with no movement. He is working on resolving the case.

Officer Umana has recently been assigned to the Oxon Hill area as the new Community Engagement Officer; taking the place of our beloved Corporal Dorian Johnson. I look forward to meeting him; hopefully in one of BCCA's Community-Wide meetings, held every 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7pm.

There will be an upcoming "**Coffee with a Cop**" event with our Community Engagement Unit. The event will be held on **February 06, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at PJ's Coffee of New Orleans (4501 Telfair Blvd #100, Camp Springs, Maryland 20746)**. He will be in attendance and would like to cordially invite you all and meet you. Officer Umana contact information is below if you every need his services:

Police Officer J. Umana #4318
Prince George's County Police Department
Oxon Hill Division (IV)
Community Engagement Unit (CEU)
Station: (301)749-4901, Work: (240)962-1357
E-mail: jaumana@co.pg.md.us

FY 2026 BUDGET LISTENING SESSION

Acting County Executive
Tara H. Jackson is hosting a listening session so Prince Georgians can provide input as she develops the FY 2026 budget.

Residents must sign up to testify by Tuesday, January 28, at 5:00 PM.

Written comments can be submitted via email to OMB@co.pg.md.us by Friday, January 31, at 5:00 PM.

Register to testify and view the listening session at:
mypgc.us/budget

Those interested in testifying must register online [here](#) by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 28. Written comments can be submitted via email to OMB@co.pg.md.us by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 31, and will be accepted in addition to or instead of oral testimony. For more more information on our Budget Listening Session webpage [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

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 __Beautification __Hospitality __Communication
__Community Services __Legislation __Diversity __Event Planning