



## BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW

# NEWSLETTER

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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](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.connectedbits.connectedcounty311&hl=en_US&gl=US)**
- **Use of Birchwood Park Building – Dial 301-699-2400**



## UPCOMINGEVENTS

**April Community-Wide Meetings is cancelled.**

**Join us in-person on Thursday, May 15, 2025, for the next Community-Wide Meeting at 7pm at 1331 Fenwood Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD (if via Zoom, the link will be emailed and listed on BCCA website [www.welcometobcca.org](http://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!



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 Dixon via email [h15642vad@hotmail.com](mailto:h15642vad@hotmail.com).

**Join a Committee Today!** – Just 1 hour (per week or month) of volunteer services will go a long way!

**Calling all Youth to serve as well or earn Community Service.**

**Committees include:** Membership; Recreation/Youth; Publicity; Education; Ways and Means; Beautification; Hospitality; Communication; Community Services; Legislation; Diversity; and Event Planning.

- **Health and Wellness Line Dancing Class – Wednesdays – 12 – 2pm –**  
Come out and enjoy line dance instructor Mary Coleman and the Birchwood Line Dancers as they learn a dance and groove to the music. Stay fit, stay active and live well!
- **Fitness in the Park - Saturdays @ 9am -** Fitness at Birchwood Park with Planet Fitness Coach, Will Chambers, **will be held under the Pavilion in Birchwood Park or on Zoom if weather is not favorable.**

## **Reminder!**

Questions  
(202) 644-9800 or (571) 482-4770

**POP-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS**  
for People Impacted by Cuts to Federal Jobs & Funding

**April 5 - June 30, 2025**  
**Thursdays: 5 pm - 7 pm**  
**Saturdays: 9am - 11 am**

**Washington, DC**  
Safeway - 322 40th St NE, Washington, DC  
Giant - 1535 Alabama Ave SE, Washington, DC

**Prince George's County, MD**  
Giant - 7074 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs, MD  
Giant - 7546 Annapolis Rd, Lanham, MD

**Northern Virginia**  
Giant - 6364a Springfield Plaza, Springfield, VA  
Safeway - 4215 Cheshire Station Plaza, Dale City, VA

DMV Free Events is not affiliated with this free community event.



Wanda R. Gross

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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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HOURS, HOLIDAYS &  
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Professionalization  
to Every Client"*



## the BCCA Beautification Committee Chair, Betty Woods

Howdy, howdy good friends and neighbors!



Yep, it's me again, bringing you that special word. I know you've been fascinated by the interesting twists and turns of the weather. You've experienced firsthand the fickle nature of the weather as you ponder how to dress accordingly. Well, as I previously stated these are the signs of the seasons. Soon all of this bi polar weather will be a faint memory as we grapple and contend with the heat, the drought, the insects (vicious blood sucking mosquitoes) and the like. Let's take a parallel turn as we compare life as we know it to the unpredictable weather.



Life today is filled with potholes. Chaos, mayhem, overt racism, meanness and downright cruelty top the list. Do you shutter listening to the news or throw up your hands in despair and wonder what happened to the world as we once knew it? Do you feel fear, anger, hopelessness or rage? Do you wonder what has happened to decency, kindness and fairness? Do you wonder why the progress toward voter rights, chopping down prejudices and racism at the roots has once again managed to build a stronghold that has countless people of authority pushing and shoving to hop aboard this run-a-away train? Why is retribution, vengeance and I'm gonna pay you back gaining popularity? Does it make you wonder where our country is headed? Will the constitution stand or will we soon have a wanna be king demanding that we bow down and kiss the ring?

Well, all of this is peppered with gloom and doom, but.....I have good news. There is one more powerful than our manmade laws who judges and reigns in righteousness! Don't despair and don't compromise your morals. The all knowing, all wise one (who never slumbers or sleep) knows. None of this comes to Him as a surprise. As the songwriter penned the words, "Hold on, Change is Coming". Change is coming so let us vow to do right, because it's right to do right! Don't despair! Don't be discouraged, just hang tough and remember change comes in each season. This is just a temporary thing. Those potholes will eventually be filled and life will get better. Remember, one day the scales of Justice will be perfectly balanced.

Neighbors, it took a lot for me to complete this article. As I reflected on what I'd written, I used it to encourage myself. On June 9, a massive tree fell into my house, I was suffering from 6th nerve palsy and had double vision in my left eye reducing me not being able to drive or move suddenly because Mr. Vertigo was also attacking me. For several months I've been experiencing anxiety and fear every time it rains or the wind blows because I was in bed during the fall.

Well, Tuesday, April 15, approximately 3 o'clock, the second tree fell, smashing the shed that was just built, taking out the deck, skylights but this time there was different because tree limbs are protruding from the bathroom and kitchen. I was sitting in the living room and I was watching a horror show! This time it's worse. My house is **condemned** and I felt some kind of way. However, I thank God because each time He has protected me. I don't know if I'll sleep tonight or not...[I want to plead with you to check the tree health of your trees. I don't want anyone else to go through what I'm going through. I don't know if I can return to my home and live because lurking in back of my house in my neighbors yard is the third tree!](#)

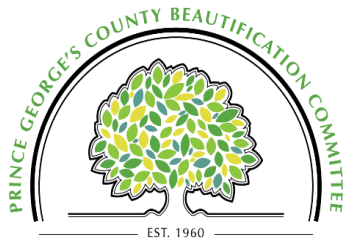
# Growing Green With Pride Spring



Grab your gloves and get ready to ignite change — it's cleanup time! Join "Growing Green with Pride," a countywide litter collection blitz that fuels our Beautification Initiative. Rally your friends, community groups, and neighbors to transform our spaces into sparkling showcases of pride and beauty. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and be sure to register by Friday, April 18, 2025. Let's come together, have fun, and make our community shine!

**Spring 2025 Program:** Saturday, April 26, 2025, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The BCCA Beautification & the Ways and Means Committee's cordially invite you to join us for the **Spring Prince George's County Growing Green with Pride Event**. Starting place will be at the Birchwood Recreation Center Pavillion Area at 8:00 A.M. Sharp!!



### Prince George's County Beautification Program

I am currently working on the 2025 submissions and will be contacting those that are already participants under separate cover. This year we had one individual that canvas homes and left information about the program with my information. Thank You Veda!! Will submit appropriate update of winners after the annual awards ceremony for publication in the BCCA newsletter.

### Birchwood-Clearview Recreation Center Upgrades & Playground

**Update:** Michelle Ross and I have been constantly in communications with the entities associated with these projects.

The bids received were too high and adjustments were warranted. Will have actual detail information in May.

I am aware that this project has been on going since 2016 but our partners are just as determined to hold ground breaking in August or September. I thank the multiple County Agencies that have been steadfast by our sides to ensure 2025 the completion of this project.

**Sharon R. Sims-Colbert, Ways & Means Chair**

**Betty Woods, Beautification Co-Chair**

### **From the BCCA Event Planning Committee Chair, Ygenia Bounds**



### **Game Night is back!**

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025, from 6 to 8pm**, at the Birchwood Park Recreation Center, 1331 Fenwood Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD.

Bingo will be the featured game but our game host, Nicky Wilkerson, always comes with a few bags of other games to play and we have such a fun time 😊. Hope to see you there!

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).**

***Hello Neighbors,***

***Spring is here where nature comes alive! I see some of you out there mowing the lawn, planting flowers, washing things off and painting; making you're house, a place where you call home so beautiful! Great Job! 👍❤️***

***Saturday, April 26 is not only my birthday 😊 but the Birchwood/Clearview Community will host “The Spring: Growing Green with Pride,” where we spruce up our community; everyone is invited to volunteer. If you cannot come down to Birchwood Park under the Pavillion starting at 8am – 12noon (30 minutes or more, whatever time you can spare), to volunteer, please pickup litter around your home and/or on your street. We thank you in advance!***

***We invite High School Seniors and others looking to earn Community Service hours to participate. We look forward to seeing you there!***



**Thank You Mr. Roland Johnson**

**Mr. Johnson is one of our neighbors who lives on Colony Road, and has continued to bless our community by cutting the front entryway on Birchwood Drive. His lawncare work is professional and beautiful 😊. His yard has been a recipient of the Prince George’s County Beautification Award, so we know he is particular about lawncare. Thank you again and may God bless you REAL GOOD!**



***“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”***

***TO ALL WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY  
THIS MONTH!***

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

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**

**(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](mailto:Percellwalker@verizon.net) - BIRCHWOOD CITY COMMUNITY ASSOC., **OR** use **CashApp** - \$birchwoodBCCA ([Percellwalker@verizon.net](mailto: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 \_\_Beautification \_\_Hospitality \_\_Communication  
\_\_Community Services \_\_Legislation \_\_Diversity \_\_Event Planning