



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
- **Dial 211** – Help with Housing/Utility Expenses, Food, Mental Health, and Caregiver Resources - [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#)
- **Use of Birchwood Park Building – Dial 301-699-2400**
- **Calvin Thomas, Zoning Inspector for Oxon Hill – 240-444-2811**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us in-person for our Community-Wide Meeting on **Thursday, July 17, 2025**, at 7pm - Birchwood Recreation Community Center - 1331 Fenwood Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD.

Agenda Items:

- **President Remarks**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Corporal Johnson – Crime Report**
- **Volunteers Appreciation**
- **Residents' Concerns**



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.

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 and/or earn Community Service.

- **Bingo/Game Night – Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 6pm** – Come out and enjoy a night of Bingo and other games with us; maybe win a prize 😊. Thank you to Corporal Johnson who arranged for Ms. Lisa Price, Bingo Game Leader for Division 5, Prince George's County Police Department. See flyer on last page.
- **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.

From BCCA Education Committee Acting Chair, Michelle Ross



Doris Saunders Community Scholarship 2025 - 2026 Academic Year

Attention Graduating High School Seniors

Are you planning to pursue higher education? If so, we are excited to announce a scholarship opportunity for outstanding seniors who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership and community involvement.

The Birchwood City/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 future leaders... We are looking for students that have given back to their community. 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 Community 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) Graduating High School Senior;**
- 2) is a current Birchwood City/Clearview Manor resident;**
- 3) is planning to enroll in an accredited undergraduate program at a college, university or vocational school for the 2025 - 2026 Academic school year; and,**
- 4) Must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0**

If selected, proof of all qualifications will be required.

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 300-word essay: Topic: "What are your academic and career goals"?**

Applicants should submit their entries to the 2025 – 2026 - BCCA Scholarship Committee, **no later than Monday, July 28, 2025.**

In addition to the 300 - word essay, you must submit **(1)** a transcript for your high school; and **(2)** a copy of your College/University or Vocational School acceptance letter. 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 City/Clearview Manor Community meeting. And, your essay will be shared in the BCCA Newsletter.

Don't miss the chance to invest in your future! Apply today and take a step toward achieving your dreams. On behalf of all the dedicated members of the Birchwood City/Clearview Manor Community Association and the family of Doris Saunders, we wish you good luck! If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Ross at Ross063012@gmail.com or 240-441-8447.

From BCCA Community Services Committee Chair, Lucy Hall



After Many Years, No More **D12** Bus--METRO'S New Bus for Our Community Is the **P93**.

METRO has discontinued the D12 bus that served our Birchwood-Clearview Community for many years.

As of June 29, 2025, the bus that now serves our community is the **P93**. It also serves Eastover and The Shops at Iverson. **Because the route and scheduled times have changed, please call 202-466-3876 or go to <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/timetables> to plan your trip.**

Prince George's County Health Department Headquarters Has Moved



The Prince George's County Health Department headquarters has relocated to the new Health and Human Services (HHS) Building at 9187 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

The Health Department offers a variety of services including:

- **Behavioral Health:** Offers services and treatment options to promote the emotional and physical well-being of Prince George's County residents.
- **Environmental Health:** Protects the safety of County residents through environmental regulations, inspections, public education, emergency preparedness, and disease control.
- **Family Health Services:** Provides preventive, clinical, and outreach health services to Prince George's County residents.
- **Health & Wellness:** Provides services that encourage behavioral changes that will improve the health and longevity of Prince George's County residents.

For more detailed information, please call **301-883-7879** or visit **<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/news-events/new>**

NOTE: Please join your Community Association (BCCA) and then volunteer on our Community Services Committee to help provide beneficial information to our community. Contact: lucyhall782@gmail.com

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.

**SHOUT OUT TO ALL GRADUATES
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE “CLASS OF 2025.”**



AMYAH FOSTER

Graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School with Honors, Granddaughter of Ygenia Bounds



MADISON MCNEILL

Graduated from TC Williams Alexandria High School
Grandson of Sylvia Griffin

BCCA recognized a few volunteers in its last two in-person meetings this year. **The purpose is to not only honor the efforts of current volunteers, but also to inspire others to get involved and support BCCA going forward.**

BCCA’s Vice President, Mr. Elton Jones, thanked all BCCA volunteers for their exceptional performance and presented the following Certificates of Appreciation:

May 15, 2025, in-person Community Meeting - Congratulations to:

Wanda Gross – Exceptional Performance Above and Beyond as BCCA Secretary--short tenure with long-lasting impact;

Roland Johnson – Exceptional Volunteer Service keeping BCCA entrance beautiful and green; and

Lottie McCoy – Exception performance and long-standing service as Chair of BCCA Hospitality Committee.



BCCA's 2024 Bylaws Review Committee:

Lucy Hall – Bylaws Review Committee Chair, and **Carmen Mack** – Exceptional Editing and Research and Analysis,



Richard Henry – Bylaws Review Committee Co-Chair, for Exceptional Leadership, **Sylvia Griffin** – Exceptional Managerial and Research and Analysis Contribution, **Donna Joyner** – Exceptional Legal and Research and Analysis Contribution, and **Sharon Sims-Colbert** – Exceptional Budgetary/Financial Management and Research and Analysis Contribution.

June 18, 2025, in-person Community Meeting - Congratulations to:

Mary Coleman, Line Dance Instructor and **William Chambers**, Planet Fitness Coach, received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their exceptional and dedicated service to our community and for so generously volunteering their time to help our community stay in motion and physically fit.



ALL WHITE PEACE FEST" COMMUNITY DAY - Sunday, June 29, 2025

The All White Peace Fest Community Day was a wonderful event enjoyed by all. Although it was **"HOT"**, thank you for your support and volunteering 😊. A special thanks to **Dynamite and her team**, Systaz with Visionz SC, who showed up in a big way, BCCA,

Parks and Recreation, Vendors, Mary Coleman and the Birchwood Line Dancers and the Birchwood/Clearview community family and friends. Below are a few pictures captured at this event...enjoy!











From BCCA Membership Committee, *Gloria Hernandez Saunders*

MEMBERSHIP FORM (2025)

BIRCHWOOD CITY-CLEARVIEW MANOR COMMUNITY, INC. (BCCA)

BCCA's Mission is to enhance the quality of life for residents of the Birchwood City-Clearview Manor Community. Membership dues and community volunteers help BCCA accomplish this mission. Go to www.welcometobcca.org to see some of the accomplishments.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

TO JOIN BCCA, please pay your membership dues (\$25.00 per household annually) by using either one of the two methods below:

(1) Complete this Membership Form and **MAIL IT** with your check or /money order payable to BCCA. Mail to:

BCCA

Attn: Mrs. Hernandez Saunders, Membership Committee Chair

P.O. Box 7

Oxon Hill, MD 20745-0007

--OR

(2) Pay your membership dues electronically by using **CashApp** \$birchwoodBCCA (Percellwalker@verizon.net)

NOTE: If you use CashApp, please remember to complete this form and Email it to Percell Walker at pjwalker47@hotmail.com

Date _____

Name(s) of Residents _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Membership Dues\$____ Scholarship Donation\$____ General Donation\$____ Total \$____

Would you like to volunteer in any of these areas? __Beautification

__Community Services __Diversity __Education __Hospitality __Legislation

__Membership __Planning __Publicity __Recreation/Events __Technology __Ways

and Means __Youth

Please go to www.welcometobcca.org to learn what each committee does.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING BCCA.

Your membership renewal date for next year will be 12 months from the date you joined this year.

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BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

BIRCHWOOD PARK RECREATION CENTER

1331 FENWOOD AVE., OXON HILL, MD - 6PM - 8PM

GAME HOST LISA PRICE

CONTACT - YGENIA BOUNDS
240-435-1867

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