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**
- **Dail 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, September 18, 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**

Fitness in the Park - Saturdays @ 9am - Fitness at Birchwood Park - Planet Fitness Coach, Will Chambers, will be held under the Pavilion or on Zoom if weather is not favorable.

From the Desk of BCCA President Sylvia Griffin

The Birchwood City/Clearview Manor community wishes to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the richness of Hispanic culture, its history, as well as its contribution to the Hispanic and Latino communities. Birchwood is fortunate to be a part of such diversity in our wonderful community. Many of our ancestors come from different parts of the world who bring unique experiences and culture to share with others. Let's look at "What does Hispanic mean?" Well, the term "Hispanic" usually refers to people who speak Spanish or from other Spanish-speaking countries, however, it has evolved into a broader understanding of identity. For example, the United States (US) The census defines Hispanic or Latino people who have their roots in Spanish-speaking countries in the Caribbean, South America, Central America, or Spain, along with other places.

Hispanic culture has an enormous impact and contribution in the United States, shaped and has a great influence in many areas, such as literature, politics, food and especially music and dance (salsa). This ethnic group is a growing population, as of 2020, Hispanics are the largest racial minority group in the U.S., making up more than 18% of the total population, their growing numbers are influencing everything from language and education to commerce and entertainment. As more and more young people of Hispanic descent come of age, their influence on American culture will continue to grow. As we look to the future, let our Birchwood/Clearview community host this celebration because it is also a recognition of our future together with other ethnic groups as we live alongside one another; Regardless of culture, it remains a call to continue advocating for equality, recognition, and representation for all. The celebration encourages everyone to learn more about the cultural traditions, histories, and experiences of our Hispanic/Latino communities, fostering greater appreciation and understanding of each other.

I would like to issue a "call to action" to our Hispanic/Latino residents of Birchwood-Clearview to connect with the Birchwood City-Clearview Manor Community Association (BCCA) right here where they live. Get involved with the Association so we can all work together to make a collective impact in our community. Attend monthly community meetings that are scheduled every third Thursday of the month. Be one who can help make a difference in our community.

From BCCA Community Services Committee Chair, *Lucy Hall*

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FREE FARE PROGRAM

On June 30, 2025, Prince George's County launched its **Free Fare Program, which provides free rides on all County-operated transit services within the County. (NOTE: This Does Not Include METRO Buses).** You can now ride **Call-A-Bus, for FREE.** The following is information provided by the County:

CALL-A-BUS - This is a curb-to-curb service from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is available to all residents of Prince George's County who are not served by, or cannot use, existing bus or rail services. Priority is given to seniors and persons with disabilities. Reservations can be made up to 7 days in advance by calling **301-499-8603**. NOTE: The service ends at 3:30 PM.

Senior Transportation Service (STS) is a special service of Call-a-Bus providing regularly scheduled curb-to-curb transportation throughout the County-to County seniors (aged 60 and older) and persons with disabilities to the following programs:

--**Nutrition Program:** Senior County residents may receive free transportation to group sites for a nutritional lunch and companionship. The hours of operation are: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. County senior residents who are homebound, and cannot attend a nutrition site, may be eligible to have meals delivered to their residence.

--Transportation is also provided for the Foster Grandparents Program. For more information, or to enroll in these and other senior programs**, please call 301-699-2696.**

--**Medical Program:** County seniors and residents with disabilities may receive transportation throughout the County for medical purposes, especially dialysis. Residents may **call 301-499-8603** up to 7 days in advance to schedule appointments**.**

--**General Transportation:** Limited transportation is provided for County seniors to visit senior activity centers, for shopping trips, and other recreational purposes. Those wishing to participate in these programs **should call 301-499-8603.**

For information on other PG County free transportation services including TheBus, call (301) 324-2877 and PGC Link, call 301-324-2877.

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.**

If you need a security camara, please apply while supplies last; scanning code below or click on link JAYZ AGNEW CAMERA – Joan's House Inc.:

To register for this Gospel Concert, scan the code or click on this link Resurgence 2025 Concert - The Gathering Place DC

Community Weekly Crime Report

August 28 – September 3, 2025

Residential/Citizen/ Store Robberies		
Date	**Location**	**Notes**
	NOTHING TO REPORT	
Date	**Location**	**Notes**
	NOTHING TO REPORT	
Theft from Auto		
Date	**Location**	**Notes**
	NOTHING TO REPORT	
Stolen Vehicles		
Date	**Location**	**Notes**
8/30/25	**1700 BLK OF MYSTIC AVE**	Unknown suspects stole listed vehicle.
8/28/25	**2100 BLK OF ALICE AVE**	Unknown suspects stole listed vehicle.
Assaults/Homicides		
Date	**Location**	**Notes**
	NOTHING TO REPORT	

Cpl. Birney #3888
Prince George's County Police Department
Oxon Hill Division IV, Community Engagement Unit
5135 Indian Head Hwy

To All Who Are Celebrating Birthdays in September:

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.