# BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Dial 911 - Prince George's County Police for Emergency only. Non-emergency, dial 301-352-1200.**
- **Dial 311 - Request services from Prince George's County. Download the mobile Apps PGC311 at: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.connectedbits.connectedcounty311&hl=en_US&gl=US**
- **Dial 811 – Miss Utility - Call before you Dig.**
- **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

- **The next Quarterly COMMUNITY-WIDE IN-PERSON MEETING will be determined at a later date. Stay Tune.**
- **Saturdays @ 9am – Join us for Fitness in Birchwood Recreation Park with Planet Fitness Coach, Will Chambers. We are now outside in the park under the pavilion; unless unfavorable weather.**

- **Saturday, June 27 @ 4pm – SWV/BCCA – Community Day!** We are gearing up for this event and would like the community to attend/participate. **Volunteers Are Needed!** **Sign your TEAM up for the Field Day Activities;** please sign up by contacting Shana (aka Dynamite), (202) 213-5073. See flyer below.

**From Desk of Sylvia Griffin, President BCCA**

***UPCOMING ELECTION DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES: PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday June 23, 2026: Early Voting: June 11-18, 2026***

Know who you are voting for – be very conscious in who we are putting in those political seats. **WE, as the people must hold any candidate elected by the people accountable.** Those elected officials are working for us not the other way around. Take the time to research the candidates and be informed about your voting selections:

## Local Candidates List – Prince Georges County

### County Executive

**Aisha Braveboy, Billy W. Bridges, Marcellus Crews, Charnell D. Ferguson, Gregory Holmes, Moisette Tonya Sweat**

### Legislative District 26

**Antonio Drive**
**C. Anthony Muse**

### County Council At Large

**Sean A Floyd, Laura S. Gilchrest, Sydney Harrison, Jolene Ivey, Jeana Jacobs, Jennifer Rios, Keith Washington, Noah Emmanuel Waters, Bertrand Tessa**

### Councilman District 8

**Edward Burroughs, III**

## LEGISLATIVE IN ACTION

Prince Georges County Council 2026 will be focusing on a **$5.8 billion budget**, **making education and safety a priority**. There are key legislative actions they want pass such as immigration-related restrictions (CB-5-2026, CB-6-2026), strengthening police accountability (CB-8-206), new National Habor project is in the making “Sphere” Streamlining Development Review Workgroup will be establish.

- **Budget (FY 2026):** The proposed $5.8 billion budget represents an increase, focusing on K-12 education and public safety.

- **Immigration & Safety Policies:** The Council approved bills, such as the Community Safe Spaces Act (CB-6-2026), limiting county cooperation with federal immigration agents.
- **Police Reforms:** CB-8-2026 prohibits law enforcement from wearing face coverings in public, with exceptions.
- **Development & Infrastructure:** A new Streamlining Development Review Workgroup (CR-14-2026) was created to improve efficiency in land development.
- **National Harbor Expansion:** Legislation (TIF bonds) was advanced to fast-track the "Sphere" venue development, supported by potential additional funding for a parking garage.
- **Legislative Action Items (2026):** Specific bills include regulations on single-use bag fees (PG 403-26), procurement preferences (PG 404-26), and developer fee deferrals (PG 405-26).
- **Typically scheduled meetings sessions:** at 10:00am, budget sessions scheduled for spring 2026
- **Most up-**to-date schedule and to view meeting agendas, visit **GOFP**

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**UPDATE - SPEED HUMPS ON CRISFIELD DRIVE** – Per Mr. Paul Curling, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation, the speed humps will be installed early summer 2026. Stay tune for further information.

## From BCCA Beautification Chair, Betty Woods

Pet Peeves - Howdy good friends and neighbors it's me… I hope you're enjoying this magnificent weather coupled with the unfolding of spring as plants burst into bloom, birds sing their sweetest songs and life seems as sweet as a bowl of Ranier cherries. We look around and see freshly mowed lawns already showing that professional and manicured look as well as those tiny buds as seeds burst into germination and we anticipate the goodness of a bountiful harvest. Wouldn't it be wonderful if life happened according to the script and there were no obstacles in the way. Well, that's fairytale dreaming because the drought, hungry pest and lest not forget that neighbor who dances to his own drumbeat. Rarely do we get that silver lining and we're definitely not living on Easy Street. So, what are your pet peeves or irritants that grind your gear the wrong way? Get your head out of the bubble and visit those of us who live in the real world. In this life we're going to experience frustra but we can continue to look to the hills from which comes our strength, love the Lord and love your neighbor as yourself. Finally, remember the golden rule…treat others as you would want to be treated. 😊

## From BCCA Community Services Committee Chair, *Lucy Hall*

**Discover Teen Programs, Events & Opportunities This Summer**

This summer, teens across Prince George's County can stay active, creative, and connected through a variety of programs and events. From Teen Nights and arts programs to special events, volunteer opportunities, and summer jobs, there are many ways to get involved all season long. Explore what's coming up and discover opportunities designed for teens at **pgparks.com**

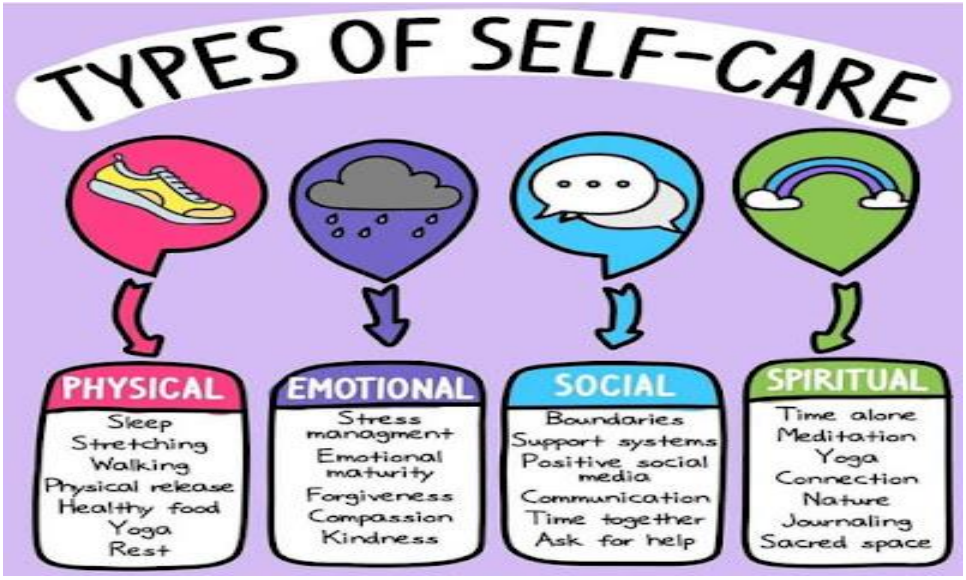
**SOURCE: MD National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County | 301-454-1740**

## 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 and Thank You to Our Resident Landscaper, Mr. Roland Johnson!** The week before Mother's Day, he reported that his riding lawnmower was in the repair shop and he was hoping that it would be ready before Mother's Day, because he wanted to cut the grass at the entrance of our community so it would look good on Mother's Day. Well, the Saturday before Mother's Day, Mr. Johnson had his lawnmower and cut the grass at our entrance. ***Thanks to Mr. Johnson and all of our residents who put forth that extra effort to keep Birchwood-Clearview clean, green and beautiful***. Sent by Lucy Hall.

## *May is Mental Health Awareness Month*




***As a caregiver, I had to learn to:***

- ✓ *Take care of myself first, so that I will be able to take care of my loved ones. It's not always easy to put yourself first but I do my best.*
- ✓ *Start the day with prayer/meditation; regardless of how short/long of time. Connecting to the source (God), I'm able to ask Him for strengh, wisdom, direction, peace, grace, mercy and so much more for the day.*
- ✓ *Incorporate activities that makes me happy – whether it exercising, watching a TV show, fixing puzzles, number painting, watching nature, music, gardning, connecting with friend or just taking a nap, if possible.*
- ✓ *Regroup. Sometime things happen that takes you by surprise or throw you off your game but this is when I "talk to myself." Internally pray, encourge myself, check my attitude/behavior, and try not to take the negative actions/words personal. I have learned that* ***Communication*** *is key,* ***Forgiveness*** *is necessary, and* ***Love*** *never fails.*

*This is just a few self-care things for me but each caregiver has his/her own self-care coping methods to continue showing up everyday and giving the best version of themselves. I have also used the* ***National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.org),*** *support services and groups for sharing and support.*

**Love you and I mean it and there's nothing you can do about it** 😊❤️

**From BCCA Membership Committee, *Gloria Hernandez Saunders***

**Greetings Neighbors,**

**It's that time of year again. Renewing your membership to the Birchwood City - Clearview Manor Association. It's still $25.00 per household. You can renew now or wait until the expiration date that is on your membership card. Join the Team!**

## THE 2026 BIRCHWOOD-CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BCCA) MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### WHAT DOES BCCA DO FOR US? BCCA PROVIDES:

**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - Thousand of dollars over the years.

Opportunities for Students to Receive Community Service Hours.

Help from State, County and local organizations to provide service for the **UPKEEP OF OUR COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL PEOPLE LIVING HERE:**

--Mowing lawns, planting trees at the entrance and on streets, inspecting and removing dumping, repairing streets, and helping you get problems solved based on your service request calls to 311.

--Building things at the park for all ages (walking/exercise trail, football/soccer/baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts, the pavilion and grills for picnics, and the new playground.)

**FAMILY ORIENTED ACTIVITIES:** Community Day, "Trunk Or Treat," Bingo Night, Paint & Sip, Grown Folks Night Out, Senior Citizens Sessions, Health Seminars, Tax Sessions, and much, much more.

Opportunities to **VOLUNTEER**[1] as Chairperson or work on various committees and serve on the Executive Board—bringing your ideas.

[1]Volunteers – New members are needed because some of the volunteers have served for a long time and need help and YOUR ideas.

**JOIN THE TEAM. Please use the membership form attached to this newsletter and join today. WE NEED YOU.**

If you would like to help with the 2026 Membership Drive, please email Gloria Hernandez Saunders, BCCA Membership Chair at army320@verizon.net or Lucy Hall, Vice Chair, at lucyhall782@gmail.com

# MEMBERSHIP FORM (2026)

## 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.**