



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**



UPCOMINGEVENTS

- 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 cancelled or 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. **If you would like to participate, please donate a case(s) water, packaged chips/cookies and/or volunteer.** **Sign your TEAM up for the Field Day Activities;** please sign up by contacting Shana (aka Dynamite), (202) 213-5073. See flyer below.

SWV/Birchwood City-Clearview Community Association Present...

VISIONZ SUMMER SHOWDOWN

Where the VISION is clear and the competition is FIERCE

JUNE 27, 2026
4PM TO 8PM

5 TEAM MEMBERS REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1, 2026

FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES

- Tug of War
- Sack Race
- Cornhole
- Dodgeball
- Hot Wings
- Eating Contest
- Double Dutch
- Egg Race
- Water Balloon Fight

TROPHY PRESENTATION

VENDORS WANTED
For vending opportunities:
Dynamite (202) 213-5073

SWV SOCIAL CLUB
Syntaz • With • Visionz

Contact any SWV Member for Information



From Desk of Sylvia Griffin, President BCCA

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, Moissette 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

From BCCA Beautification Chair, Betty Woods



Good friends and neighbors, great morning! Are you enjoying the new mercies we're given each day and the fact that we don't have to ask for, barter or buy them because it's an automatic renewal process that was paid for years ago on an old rugged cross when Jesus took our sins to hang there with him. We are a blessed people. **Let's not forget these three simple words "Thank You Lord"!**

We've been experiencing the topsy turby effects of global warming which will only increase unless the powers that be get serious and put legislation into effect. We can do our part by being good stewards of what we have, recycling and not littering. This brings me to another point, big kudos to Mr. Johnson for the fantastic job he's doing at the Birchwood entrance. Those of you who go out of your way to pick up someone's litter deserve a special thanks as well.

I have a special concern with the fact that the concern and participation of residents in this great community we live in is so low. You've heard the phrase, "No man is an island?" *Well, if a handful can accomplish so much,*

think of what we could achieve if we all pulled together. Let me encourage you to please get involved, get to know people outside of your circle and show support by attending the meetings as well as the events. This is a large and wonderful community that could be and do so much more if we joined hands and worked together.

A great way to start is by paying your membership fees, meet your neighbors and show up. Some of us still need to do a few things to help beautify the community like keeping our lawns tidy, removing climbing vines from our houses, picking up litter on our streets, removing yard sale signs and wrapping those mattresses in plastic.

Neighbors, those of you who walk away from the stores with shopping carts, know that this is larceny and it is so disrespectful to dump the cart at the entrance or near someone else's property. If you're bold enough to take the cart, be bold enough to leave it on YOUR PROPERTY until you get a chance to return it; thank you!

Everyone stay safe, be friendly, enlarge your circle and show up. This is your community, make it great. *Shalom.*

From BCCA Community Services Committee Chair, *Lucy Hall*

NO FIREWORKS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND



REMINDER: The use of fireworks in Prince George's County is illegal and can lead to fines or time in jail. Using or possessing fireworks can lead to **fines up to \$1,000 and up to 6 months in jail.** (See Prince George's County Code: Division 4 – Fire prevention Code; Section 11-267 – Fireworks.)

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 **Wanda Gross, BCCA Secretary**, for offering **Free Notary Services for seniors 65 and older.** Contact number 301-247-8926, email address wandamobilenotary1423@gmail.com.

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 VOLUNTEER¹ as Chairperson or work on various committees and serve on the Executive Board—bringing your ideas.

¹Volunteers – 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.