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 held on Thursday, SEPTEMER 17, 2026, Birchwood City Rec. Center – 1331 Fenwood Avenue, Oxon Hill MD, at 7pm.**

- **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.**

- **Free Back-to-School Supplies** at various events:

  District 8 Residents – Back to School Give-A-Way – **Saturday, Aug. 22 – 2:30-5:30pm** – Victory Church International – 9308 Allentown Road, Ft. Wash., MD.

  Healing Hearts Worship Center – Back 2 School Pop Up – **Saturday, Aug. 22 – 1-5pm** – 6817 Old Branch Ave, Temples Hill, MD.

  Asia's Back 2 School Community Day - **Sunday, Aug. 23 - 12 noon** – Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex – 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD

- **Sunday, September 27, 2026 – Birchwood/Clearview Community Day, 12pm – 5pm.** We need your assistance in volunteering/participating in our Community Day. **If you would like to be a vendor/volunteer/participate or make a donation (case of water, juice boxes, packaged chips/cookies, etc.), please contact Veda Dixon via email H15642vad@hotmail.com.**

2026 – 2027 School Year – Remember to Please Slow Down

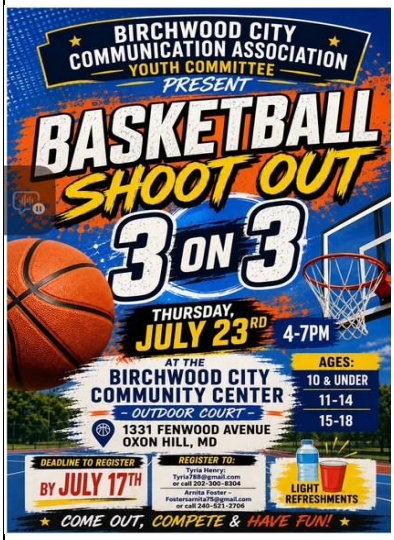
It's back to school time and kids are heading back to the classroom. Kids may be walking across the street, catching their bus, or just playing around, as drivers, we must slow down and be watchful of our surroundings. At some point, we all are pedestrians and we know the danger of speeding vehicles; especially on our neighborhood streets. **In 2004, more than 7,000 pedestrians were killed and about 71,000 nationwide.** Here are a few pedestrian safety reminders:

1. **Stop, look and listen. Stay alert when walking.**
2. **Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.**
3. **Walk on the sidewalks whenever they are available. If no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.**
4. **If a crosswalk is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of the traffic.**

This information and more can be found at Back to School: Keeping Children Safe | NHTSA website.

From BCCA Youth Chair, Tyria Henry

Congratulations to Logan McNeil! He is part of the Youth Committee and participated in the Prince George County Youth Program "Light, Camera, Action" on teaching our youth about filming. He also participated in the Youth Committee first event Basketball Shoot Out.



Thank you to all who made Basketball Shoot Out events a success on Thursdays, July 23rd and August 20th. Our youths and adults enjoyed the shoot out and had a great time shooting the hoops.

Special thanks to the Prince George's County Explorers who participated on July 23rd , and enjoyed pizza with us after the event. We appreciate their participation.

Thursday, August 20th, - Basketball Shoot Out event was held at the Glassmanor Community Center's Gym, 6pm-8pm. Another great event!

Below were taken by Sylvia Griffin of both events:

Thursday, July 23rd – Birchwood City Recreation Park

Thursday, August 20th – Glassmanor Recreation Gym

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH – Krispy Kreme Donuts Anyone? Your order of a box or two will help support out youth events. For more information, click on the link below:

https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/82244-birchwood-youth-commitee-krispy-kreme-digital-dozens

From BCCA Beautification Chair, Betty Woods

Howdy good friends and neighbors, I trust that each of you are well and thriving with all the blessings that you wake up to each morning. I have a question for you. Do you have an established routine for your days or do you just go with the flow? Are there habits that you've established so well that your spouse or family can recite what you do without hesitation? Well, habits and routines are good things that can make your day run as smooth as a well-oiled machine. Do you ever sit and ruminate or ponder certain things or do you just take things for granted? About here, I get to pop a coin in the reflection meter, park and get to the heart of the matter.

We are all blessed with the same number of days and hours in each day. How many of those hours do you spend on idle things, griping and complaining or just expressing your thoughts and opinions? Do you give the same amount of time in counting your blessings and saying, “Thank you Lord?” Do you realize how good God is? I’m not talking about the cliche we can say in our sleep **You** know the one; “God is good all the time…” I’m talking about a holy God who made us, knows us down to each individual hair on our heads. My point? Well, I’m glad you asked. Take some time each day and count your blessings. You’ll run out of time, paper etc., before you run out of blessings. Here’s my suggestion. **Start a blessing jar or journal. Be faithful to doing this for a week, two weeks or a month. Tally up your count and then give God some genuine praise!**

Ready yourself for the appearance of fall which is lurking right around the corner. Some of us need to aerate and seed or over seed our lawns and give them a healthy fertilizer to get that lushness in the spring. Fall is also a perfect time to clean and repair your lawn equipment, so when spring comes, you’ll be ready to roll.

Remember my challenge from last month? **One sister responded and I’m very thankful.** Remember to be salt and light and kind to others. **Shalom**

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.

Great News! Our neighbor Sheri who was in the terrible accident on Crisfield is home from the hospital and is on the mends. Thank you to BCCA Committees for presenting her with a Get-Well card along with a gift card. We will continue to lift her up in prayer.

A special shout out to my neighbor, **Ms. Joyce** who called WSSC and WSSC, for fixing the pothole that turned sinkhole on Colony and Galloway Drive. In June 2026, most of the neighbors had put in a 311 request but nothing happened. The 311 report states resolution by June 22. Due to the fact that it could had been water running underneath the ground, WSSC checked it out and got the hole filled! Thank you so much!

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.