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## Holiday Party 2007! Saturday, December 15 Fealy Hall noon to 3 pm

Time for our annual holiday get-together! Please bring a dessert or other holiday goodie to share. The BDCA will provide drinks. We'll have holiday songs, crafts for the kids, and a visit from a jolly person from the North Pole (probably around 2:15 pm)

We also need you help to decorate and set-up Fealy Hall. If you have a little time, please join us at 10 am to get the hall ready for the party.

## Time for Ice Skating

The arrival of the cold weather means that it's a great time to go ice skating. And right here in College Park, you can skate at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink (close to the Metro station). This ice skating facility includes the rink, an indoor warming room and party room, and a snack bar. Rental skates are available. They have lessons for all experience levels, open skating, themed skating, hockey, and much more. For details, drop by for a visit or call 301-277-3717.

## Leaf Collection is Ongoing

Leaf collection is scheduled to continue through the end of the year, but can change due to weather. For now, you can still rake your leaves to the curb for collection (from which the city makes compost that you can later get for your garden). See page 5 for details.

## Berwyn District Civic Association

### NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

We take off in December so that we can celebrate with our annual

### HOLIDAY PARTY!!

See the enclosed flyer for details. Come out and enjoy the food, music, and friends.

We'll pick up our regular meetings again in 2008, starting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 8-10 pm.

### BDCA 2007-2008 Officers

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Berwyn News Editor	<i>Bob Baca</i>

THE NEXT ISSUE of the *Berwyn News* will be distributed on the weekend of **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline for articles & ads is **January 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Send articles and ads to Bob Baca at  
[cookwithbob@hotmail.com](mailto:cookwithbob@hotmail.com)

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Jerry Anzulovic, [jvamgnc1@verizon.net](mailto:jvamgnc1@verizon.net)**

Well another year is coming to a close and one of the things that I always knew about the old neighborhood was that we all might look a little different, but we are all out of the same gene pool. The results of the recent council elections in our ward give proof to that statement. I congratulate Stacey on her vote numbers, because most of the time the first time out of the starting gate does not result in a winner. I also congratulate Bob and Jack for their win and I congratulate all three for running a good, decent election contest. I wish the county, the state, and especially the national contest were run in such a decent manner.

The old neighborhood is doing pretty well. Values of our properties are still steadily increasing and we all seem to be getting along with each other. I wish we had tenants in all our commercial properties, what with the new streetlights and sidewalks sprucing up the center core of old girl. Oh well, we can only hope that that part of the neighborhood continues looking better in the New Year. My hat goes off to the Neighborhood Watch. I truly believe that the vigilance exhibited by the Watch has kept the darker spirits at bay and allowed us all to sleep sounder each and every night.

I want to thank all of you out there for making me your president and having the privilege of living in Berwyn. I have never heard a bad remark about the old girl as I travel around the state. I do bristle a little bit when they confuse us with Berwyn Heights and I always remind them Berwyn is where the doers live and the "heights" is where the talkers live (an Old Berwyner saying). Everybody have a happy holiday season and the rebels here at Point Lookout Annex send their best wishes too, even to the federals who walk by in an insulting posture with their much beloved butlers and maids in tow. I can only hope that God will bless all of us in this small part of the great woods that we call Berwyn.

**Snow and Sidewalks**

While the city does a great job at clearing the snow from the roads (just see how fast College Park clears the locals streets compared to other areas), it is your responsibility to clear the snow from the sidewalk in front of your house. Keep those sidewalks safe for all of the walkers in the neighborhood. The city requires that sidewalks in front of properties be cleared within eight daylight hours after the end of the snowfall.

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**Send your payment, business name, mailing address, phone, email, and contact person to:**

Berwyn District Civic Association, PO Box 535, College Park, MD, 20740 with checks payable to "Berwyn District Civic Association, Inc."

**Ad files, ad size, and number of dates to run should be sent via email to the editor at [cookwithbob@hotmail.com](mailto:cookwithbob@hotmail.com). We prefer picture files (jpg, gif, etc), but can work with text or pdf files (although some formatting changes may be necessary).**

Ads will not run until payment is received as instructed above! For further information, please contact Bob Baca (Berwyn News editor) at [cookwithbob@hotmail.com](mailto:cookwithbob@hotmail.com).

**Thank you for supporting our community!!!**

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**Membership dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family, collected once a year.** Paying your dues today will make you an active member through September 2008! Your dues support publication of this newsletter, community events, advocacy for Berwyn issues, and much more. Make checks payable to "Berwyn District Civic Association, Inc."

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## COUNCILMAN VIEWS AND COMMENTS

**Bob Catlin**

**301-345-0742 or Catcprtc@aol.com**

Greetings neighbors. My thanks go out to the almost 200 residents in District 2 who voted in the City's election last month. Thanks also go to Stacey Baca who offered a strong challenge to Jack Perry and me in the election. Ms. Baca showed that she could represent the District well, so I was not surprised that she narrowly missed winning a seat on the City Council.

Over the past few weeks, three developers have proposed plans for student housing which call for the construction of about 2,700 new beds in four new projects across Route 1 from the Berwyn and Lakeland neighborhoods. The first of the four projects, a 12-story student apartment building to the front of the existing 19-story apartment building, could be open by fall 2009. One project, proposed by Mark Vogel, would be a five-story building, which would be located across from Lakeland and south of University View. Vogel's project would remove the three existing buildings in that portion of Route 1. Otis Warren, the developer of University View and the owner of the adjacent office building, is also purchasing the Koons Quick Lube property that is nestled between the two much larger parcels. Otis Warren would also construct a nine-story apartment building where the existing office building and the Quick Lube is located, along with a stand-alone parking garage at the rear of the property. Finally, Mukesh Majmudar (the owner of our Hampton Inn) and a part owner of the large vacant parcel of land across from the X-tra Mart, would construct a five-story "green" student apartment building on that two-acre site.

Plans for the East Campus project and the Cafritz project are proceeding, albeit slower than planned. Controversy has erupted over locations for the placement of a light rail line (Purple Line) through the campus. The preferred alignment of the University has not been looked upon very favorably by the State's Department of Transportation.

Plans were recently presented for a total renovation of the City's Duval Field. We will hold a public hearing on the plan in January, though the plan has been vetted with a variety of interested parties over the past few months. A large number of people turned out to Beltsville to see a proposed plan for "fixing" issues with Rhode Island Avenue from University Blvd. to Route 1. The County will be considering the comments it has and will receive and come back with some design changes as a result.

The Camden Apartments have begun leasing up at IKEA Centre. By next summer about 500 apartments will be available there at rents ranging from about \$1,600 for a one bedroom to about \$2,600 for a two-

bedroom unit. Six of a total of 12 luxury townhomes are also under construction there, too. Prices start in the high \$500,000s for an approximately 2,500 square foot, three bedroom, three and one-half bathroom unit with a rooftop deck.

Closer to home the City has applied for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the County for two neighborhood projects. One project is to make improvements to the 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue service road that runs between almost Greenbelt Road and Branchville Road. The other project is two make improvements to the one block stretch of Rhode Island Avenue that runs from Quebec Street south to the park.

No regular meeting this month. I hope to see you at the Christmas Party at Fealy Hall on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS

**Jack Perry, 301-345-7526**

Thank you for your vote in the recent city election. Bob and I will continue to represent the 2nd District on you City Council. I have to thank Stacey for her effort, and both she and Bob ran a positive campaign. It can be done, at a minimum of expense, and with no name calling. A very close race. Again, thank you for your support. My phone is always open for your calls and I will eventually get to my email. In my house, the phone is quicker: 301-345-7526.

Your City Council has been somewhat busy. We've given away all of the monies that we had budgeted to the fire departments, the school, and the community organizations that applied for grants. This year, a sub-committee reviewed the applications and made recommendations to the Council. The Council approved 'em. Much neater than in the past. The Council didn't have to get into nit-picking and grandstanding. Those positions will have to surface when the budget is being worked on this spring.

A very moving ceremony was held at the Veteran's Memorial on Route #1 and Greenbelt Road on Veterans Day. You should try to attend one of these. Twice a year we have them, on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. A time to reflect and remember those who volunteered to make this the greatest nation in the world today.

Lots of meetings, more talk and fact time for politicians about Route #1 development. The state has a lot of money for studies and yet seems to have a hard time finding funds for engineering and right of way acquisition for Route #1. What is so difficult about seeing the economic development potential that will occur when Route #1 is complete? Both the county and state will benefit. Yes, your fair city will also.

About the development: with over two thousand students to be housed on the west side of Route #1, from the UM Gate to Metzert Road, some very unique problems will present themselves to the city and Prince George's County. Think about it...no one over 25 years will live there. All of them will be on their own for the first time in their lives with no supervision. Yeah, I know that the Freshman Connection will have some kind of RA, but that is the only one. Parking is not supposed to be a problem. The county code is for apartments, not dormitories; then with the credits that they receive for being close to a Metro stop, there will never be enough parking. What businessperson would put a quality restaurant or other general public business amongst all of those student housing units? Answer that and you will get a prize. It looks like the liquor store is not going anywhere (would you?). Then you have to wonder what the next census will do to your City Council. Just a few thoughts, and you wondered why I liked condos. I still believe in "if you build it, they will come." If they can sell condos in VA on the flight path to the airport, why not on Route #1?

Your Council has had a number of executive sessions. Some of these were necessary; some, in my opinion were not. (Executive sessions are closed meetings with no public scrutiny.) Some on the Council have an interesting outlook on 'open meetings,' which is the law in Maryland.

College Park has submitted out annual budget report on zoning enforcement to the County Council. We, College Park, were granted limited enforcement some years ago. However, we must report to the County Council/District Council annually. I have the report if you are interested in looking at it. You can also get one from the city as it is public information.

Winter will soon be here in force. Public works will pick up leaves, weather permitting, through most of December. If it snows, practice odd/even parking (on odd days, park on the odd numbered side of the street) to give the plows room to work. If you have a sidewalk, you must make it passable to the walkers. Since there are so few able-bodied teens in Berwyn, give your neighbor a hand with the snow. If you have a drive, park off of the street. And be sure to clear around those fire hydrants to make them visible.

See you at the Christmas Party. May you have a very blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy the holiday season and give thanks for all that we have as Americans. May God continue to bless America. Again, thank you, and I'll see you next year.

p.s. No meeting this month...only the Holiday Party.

## **BERWYN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** **Gina Tomko (GTomko@epe.org)**

The following posts were made to the neighborhood watch website on November 19:

*Dear College Park Friends:*

*As many of you are keenly aware, we recently experienced a surge in property crimes in north College Park. Our detectives developed a juvenile suspect (...I'm prohibited by law from sharing his name) whom they also suspected of discharging a firearm at a house in Berwyn recently. This suspect was observed by members of our Special Assignment Team (SAT) on Friday afternoon (Nov. 16) near Duvall Field along Rhode Island Avenue in Hollywood. He fled upon being approached, leaving property stolen in recent residential burglaries behind in his discarded backpack. This 17 year-old was eventually apprehended several hours later as he fled from his home. A search & seizure warrant was served by our Investigative Section during the early morning hours of Saturday (Nov. 17) at his parents' home. We recovered several firearms, a bullet-proof vest, and several items recently taken in residential burglaries in Hollywood. All recovered property will be returned to their rightful owners this week.*

*Early Saturday morning (Nov. 17), a vehicle equipped with LoJack was stolen from the Narragansett Parkway area in Hollywood. We immediately entered it into our system and received a hit right away. Our patrol officers, led by Lieutenant Matt Meterko, tracked the stolen car to Lakeland, and shortly thereafter arrested a juvenile (...I'm prohibited by law from sharing his name) for auto theft. This juvenile has been known to associate with the juvenile we arrested on Friday night.*

*Lieutenant Bernard Snowden, our Investigative Commander, continues to focus our investigative and specialty resources in College Park as we collectively battle against criminal activity. Detective Eric Freeman and Detective Steve Knight, in particular, worked throughout the weekend with these arrests. I'm hopeful that these arrests will have a calming impact on crime. Calls and emails from the College Park community absolutely were instrumental in these two significant arrests. Please feel free to share this email correspondence with your friends, neighbors, and community associations. Thank you!*

*Major Kevin Davis  
Commander, District I  
Prince George's County Police Department  
Hyattsville Justice Center  
5000 Rhode Island Avenue  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781  
301-699-2626 (office)*

The following information was provided to city officials by a College Park resident regarding a potential scam:

*I wanted to bring to your attention of what I think is a scam artist working in the College Park, Maryland area. On Saturday, November 17, early evening a white male, medium build, 40s, short light brown hair and mustache came to our door in College Park asking for donations for the National Organization of Sheriffs Deputy. He had a hat and polo shirt with a logo on it. He also had the name B. Childers on his shirt. He went on to say the donations were to help out deputies that were injured and or disabled in the line of duty. He said that he was out of Virginia. He was asking for a minimum of \$35 donation, which I gave him in cash. He had a bunch of cash already on his clipboard. He gave me a sticker with their logo on it and a receipt for a tax donation with Tax ID#51-0475408. We believe he was driving a newer full size white Chevy truck with a sliver toolbox in the truck bed and some kind of logo on the door. After they left, we checked the on the web and found out that their web site (<http://www.centermass.org/nodshop/web/aboutus.asp>)*

*was down. Then we found that the Fairfax government's web site and the Fairfax Sheriff's office web site both had notices that the National Organization of Sheriffs Deputy is a scam. We called the Prince George's County Police Department and filed a report.*

Though this particular scam did not take place here in Berwyn, we still need to be aware of this activity. Do not contribute cash to door-to-door solicitors. The City requires a permit for legitimate solicitors. When in doubt, take down the information and mail in your contributions, after you have had the opportunity to research the validity of the organization.

It is the holiday season and criminals love to go door-to-door asking for donations for a variety of things. Please continue to report all suspicious activity immediately to police at the non-emergency number 301-333-4000.

For those of you interested in joining the Berwyn watch online group, send an email to:

Berwyn\_neighborhood\_watch-  
subscribe@yahoo.com.

Happy Holidays! -Gina

**Have you paid your dues for the year?** We need your support to help publish and distribute this newsletter, run our website, and sponsor all those great community events. Check page 2 of the newsletter for dues information.



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### It's leaf collection time in College Park.

To have leaves collected by the leaf vacuum, please:

- Rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street. Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains. Please note that the leaf vacuum cannot reach around cars.
- Remove all tree limbs, rocks, and other debris from leaves to be collected.
- Bagging is not necessary during leaf collection season, however if you bag leaves, they will only be collected when the leaf vacuum is scheduled in your neighborhood. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected at any time. Use paper yard waste bags or approved reusable containers. Do not put them out with regular trash.
- Noise and dust may be noticeable. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- Use paper bags or reusable containers for small trimmings & clippings; they will be picked up during posted collection dates.

Please call 301-474-4194 if you have any questions. As of the publication date of the newsletter, leaf collection was still scheduled through the end of December. But this can change if the weather makes it difficult to collect the leaves.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

A little reminder since the January edition of the newsletter might be too late for this: the city will gladly pick up your live Christmas tree after the holidays. Watch for dates to be announced in upcoming editions of the *Gazette*, usually sometime in January. You'll need to remove all the decorations (of course), including tinsel. On the announced dates, just put the tree at your curb and the city will take care of the rest.



Information Provided by  
Jerry Anzulovic  
of Bright and Associates

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**Properties Sold or Rented (Berwyn 1, Branchville 0)**

**8414 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue**, \$140,000, (\$140,000) (Building lot), 10,000 sf, Bonnie & Gregory Bass, absentee owners, 4104 Debenham Court, Rockville, MD 20853, SA Ana Wills, ana.wills@longandfoster.com SB Long & Foster Real Estate, College Park, MD 20740, 301-441-9511.

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**Properties under Contract (Berwyn 12, Branchville 1)**

**4816 Berwyn Road**, \$515,000, Timothy & Rebecca Aldridge, Owner occupants since 07/02/2003.  
**4705 Greenbelt Road**, \$449,000, William & Ellen Roberts, Absentee owners since 06/22/2006.  
**8306 Potomac Avenue**, \$399,000, Donald Kirsch, Absentee owner since 10/27/1992.  
**8403 Potomac Avenue**, \$407,000, Deborah Vanadia-Mims, Owner occupant since 12/12/1997.  
**4907 Quebec Street**, \$415,000, Joshua & Valerie Durrant, Owner occupants since 07/30/2002.  
**8708 Rhode Island Avenue**, \$425,000, Frances Darling, Owner occupant since 08/20/1970  
**4718 Ruatan Street**, \$375,000, Jarred & Sue Hester, Owner occupants since 03/02/2005.  
**4702 Tecumseh Street**, \$499,000, Ellen Roberts, Absentee owner since 11/08/2005.  
**4705 Tecumseh Street, 202**, \$264,900, Stephen Tennant, Absentee owner since 06/17/2005.  
**4707 Tecumseh Street, 304**, \$259,900, Stephen Tennant, Absentee owner since 06/17/2005.  
**4709 Tecumseh Street, 104**, \$267,000, Stephen Tennant, Absentee owner since 06/17/2005.  
**4914 Tecumseh Street**, \$149,000, (Building lot), 9228 sf, Ilhame Sefiani, Absentee owner since 02/11/2004  
**9002 48<sup>th</sup> Place**, \$360,000, Lori & Kevin Taylor, Absentee owners since 08/19/2005.

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**Properties for Sale or Rent (Berwyn 11, Branchville 1)**

**4711 Berwyn Road**, \$2,200 per month, 5 BR, 3 BA, Shelley & Ina Kline, Absentee owners since 08/03/2004.  
**4802 Branchville Road**, \$380,000, Thomas A. & Glenda A. Kines, Owner occupants since 02/01/1995.  
**4905 Osage Street**, \$2,400 per month, 5 BR, 3 BA, Lillian DaSilva & Fritz Kolle, Absentee owners since 09/22/2004.  
**8400 Potomac Avenue**, \$369,900, Scott Roberts, Absentee owner since 11/23/1998.  
**8514 Potomac Avenue**, \$424,900, Rudolph Schwartz, Absentee owner since 08/05/2003.  
**8520 Potomac Avenue**, \$375,000, Robert & Stephen Ford, Owner occupants since 10/01/2004.  
**5000 Quebec Street**, \$415,000, Richard Fahey, Owner occupant since 06/05/1991.  
**5007 Quebec Street**, \$349,900, Russell Dickerson, Owner occupant since 03/24/1988.  
**5009 Quebec Street**, \$398,500, Robert & Linda Brown, Owner occupants since 03/09/2005.  
**4707 Tecumseh Street, Unit 103**, \$1,800 per month, 2 BR, Bruce Weneck, Absentee owner since 10/11/2006.  
**4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 303**, \$279,000, 2 BR, Michael Wright, Owner occupant since 08/16/2006.  
**8702 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue**, \$1,295 per month, Karyn Keating-Volke, Absentee owner since 10/19/2005.

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\* means a change in offered price, LA means living area only (NOT the basement or lower level).

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**Have something to share with your neighbors?**

We're interested in your neighborhood stories, photos, opinions, and community interest items. Send them to the editor at [cookwithbob@hotmail.com](mailto:cookwithbob@hotmail.com) and we'll try to get the in the next issue of the *Berwyn News*. (Are you the neighbor with the security camera idea? Send me your thoughts and I'll share them with all of Berwyn.)