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Berwyn District Civic Association Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2012
8 PM, Fealy Hall
49th Ave. & Berwyn Rd.



From All of Us at the BDCA

Kevin & Lorie Young
Harry Pitt, Gene Bauer & Tim Triplett
Liesl Koch, Jerry Anzulovic
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President's Corner Kevin Young

As the year comes to a close I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Also, I would like to thank the BDCA Board members for their hard work and support throughout the year. Working together we have enjoyed a very successful year.

In the upcoming year we will be hearing a lot about commercial development in and around our community. The owners of the Koons Ford property are proposing a 150 room hotel with 25,000 square feet of retail space. However, no details have been formally presented yet.

The Enclave, 8700 Baltimore Avenue has yet to fill out the available ground floor retail spaces. The space is being marketed as prime retail and restaurant use. The potential exists for some interesting uses in these available storefronts.

Additionally, the development of the Cafritz property located along Route 1 in Riverdale Park has generated concern amongst local elected officials and residents.

This large project will benefit our local economy in terms of creating jobs, contributing to the tax base and offering new shopping opportunities. It will, however, add a lot of traffic to an already congested Route 1.

A great way to voice your opinion on these and other issues that have an impact on our quality of life is to attend one of the BDCA's monthly meetings. The BDCA meets the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in Fealy Hall 49th and Berwyn Road. I hope to see you there--bring a neighbor.

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS

Jack Perry – 301-345-7526

You've got in your hands the last column with this name on it. As most and I hope all, are aware I decided to end my elected time on the City Council in College Park.

I have to thank my wife, my family and all the voters who supported me for these many years. We may not have agreed on everything, but I did the best I could to represent **everyone** in my district fairly. I have to say that I totally enjoyed **my** time on the City Council.

I'm still taken aback that we have some serious development proposals here in College Park and the general feeling is – NIMBY. Many of the opponents don't have a plan for the property owner. There is no concern on their part for the economic outcome for the property owner. This is not to say that the regulations for development are easy to comply with. They require that one must follow certain rules that are county wide in their application. That is the purpose of the Park & Planning Commission in our county.

Your editors and the Board of Directors want me to submit a column on a regular basis. I'll consider that in the future. Thank you for your many years of support. It has meant a great deal to me. May God continue to bless this wonderful country. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

Thank you to everyone who supported the
BDCA's 2011 Christmas Wreath Sale.

AND

We're still interested in publishing your favorite family stories or recipes; and, please, include a photo to accompany your article.

COUNCILMAN'S VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Bob Catlin, 301-345-0742 or
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Greetings neighbors. As the year draws to an end the current City Council will be acting on a zoning change request for a large parcel of vacant land located immediately south of the City The Cafritz property, about 35 acres, is currently zoned for about 200 single family homes, but is being proposed for about 1000 units of townhouses and

apartments and retail (including a Whole Foods Market) and hotel uses. The property is in Riverdale Park, but its development would impact the other two "Park" towns and Hyattsville. Their seems to be general acceptance that the development could be acceptable if it included a new road connection to the east to River Road, going over (or under) the railroad tracks. The County Planning Board will hear the rezoning application on December 15th. Approval of the rezoning proposal would permit a more dense development there, but would only be the first of several steps in getting development approval. Also, going before the County Planning Board on December 8th will be the Maryland Book Exchange proposed project for a 1,000 bed housing project on a two-acre site in downtown College Park. The City has opposed the project (by a 6-1-1 vote) and County planning staff also has recommended denial to its Board. While the use of the project (student housing) is an issue with many, just the mass and scale of the project in relation with nearby properties, some in the historic district, is a larger bone of contention. The outcome is far from certain.

Early next year the new City Council will be asked to adopt a joint vision with the University for the City and other areas near the University of Maryland that will guide growth and create a variety of quality of life initiatives that will appeal to students, residents, businesses and workers. The proposed City and University initiatives would involve working together on issues of education (pre-K to 12th grade), transportation, public safety, sustainability, housing and development. Look for a lot more discussion about these initiatives in early 2012. One idea that is already beginning to move forward is to establish a charter school, the College Park Academy, which could begin operations as early as fall 2013 with classes for grades 7 and 8. The proposed charter school is planned to have about 500 students and provide an advanced curriculum for grades 7-12 within a few years.

Over the past few weeks several new businesses have opened in or adjacent to our neighborhood. The most noticeable is the Fishnet on Berwyn Road. It is open from 11:30 am to 9:30 pm on weekdays and from 5 to 9:30 pm on weekends. While its menu features a variety of fresh fish sandwiches (grilled or fried), it also serves vegan falafel, prime beef burger or cheeseburger, fish soup, fish sticks and lobster rolls. Please stop by and welcome the Fishnet to the neighborhood. It features a

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Bob's Column

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restaurant concept that is different and perhaps unique to the DC area.

In the University View building the Shanghai & Tokyo Café is now open. Free customer parking for View II restaurant guests is available (look for the new signage) in the adjacent lot to the north. The Austin Grill Express opened in early December in the Varsity complex. This Tex-Mex restaurant, part of a local chain, is located just north of Bobby's Burger Palace. Work continues on a variety of additional restaurants in these two buildings. To the north of Berwyn, an additional restaurant, the Teppanyaki Grill and Buffet will open in early 2012 in the space next to CD Depot.

The year is coming to a close, so please renew your membership in the BDCA for 2012 or become a new member and support the Association in its efforts to inform, educate and foster a greater sense of community in the neighborhood with events such as Berwyn Day, the Oktoberfest bonfire and the children's Christmas Party. Best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year.

BERWYN DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION Annual Membership Dues

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 February 2012! 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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Thank you!

Talking About Health . . .

Sandy Tyler (fstyler@verizon.net)

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First, a note about some changes coming to this column:

Lily Fountain and I have been organizing a series of health related topics in relation to the human life-span. In each newsletter, we will address one current health topic relevant to successive decades. For example, Newsletter readers will remember that the October column provided updated information about the lifelong value of *Breastfeeding*. In January, 2012, we will follow from the stage of infancy to childhood by taking a look at *Childhood Obesity* and its long-term impact. Our list for successive topics is still potential because we hope you will want get involved by suggesting topics that are important to you ranging from the teen-age years and beyond. Because your input will keep the column personally relevant to you, we invite and welcome your input. You can provide your suggestions by emailing or calling me (see above). Lily's name and contact information will be added in January. You can also contact the Newsletter's editor, Michele Garnes (mckgarnes@earthlink.net). Please join us as we look forward to exploring some interesting, important updates about a most vital topic for all of us – our own health.

Second, keep your holiday healthy during this hectic time that is filled with all sorts of tempting goodies and the urge to stay warm in front of the TV. If you incorporated the valuable ideas and hints that Janet McCaslin gave us last spring, you will remember that you needn't deprive yourself during the various celebrations if you plan ahead each day and determine the sensible amounts of goodies you will enjoy followed by the sensible amount of exercise you will do to balance things. If you do go overboard here and there (for most of us that would be going overboard with foods rather than exercise), don't trap yourself in a guilt trip of despair and self-disgust. Instead, acknowledge the overindulgence and go back to being sensible. If, for some reason, you went overboard with exercise, take a hot shower and some aspirin for the aching and then do some mild stretching. In addition to these suggestions, make sure you get enough sleep and avoid people with colds.

Most important, have a wonderful, happy holiday!



Christmas 2011 -- Birth of a New Tradition Submitted by Janet McCaslin

As the holidays approach, the giant factories are kicking into high-gear to provide consumers with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Because there most definitely is!

It's time to think outside of the box. Who says a gift needs to fit in a box, wrapped in mass-produced wrapping paper? Most everyone gets their hair cut, several get their nails done, and who wouldn't enjoy a massage now and then? How about gift certificates from local establishments?

Who doesn't want to be in shape? A gym membership, personal trainer, or local cooking classes would be appropriate for all adults who are thinking about some health improvement. Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American-owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate. If you are one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the "Benjamin's" on a foreign made flat-screen TV, consider the following. Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, lawn mowed for the summer, driveway plowed all winter, or a few games at the local golf course. Remember, folks, this is not about large, National chains. This is about supporting your hometown Americans who have their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open. How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck, or motorcycle, done at a local shop?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning company for a day.

Does your computer need a tune-up? I am certain you would be able to find some local individual or business that is struggling to get their repair business up and running.

Alright, you were looking for something more personal. Try local crafts -- people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. Crafters make jewelry, pottery, woodwork, quilts and many other beautiful things. So check out all the holiday craft Fairs and specialty shops around, and get something made by hand.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner-operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. Or, what about going out to see a play or movie at your hometown theatre? You could check out the local music venues! Musicians need love too - so find a café or club that showcases local bands. Christmas isn't all about traveling, so feel free to stay close by. And, now we have a very special, local restaurant to try out: The Fishnet!

Don't forget to leave the mailman, newspaper delivery person, or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

Christmas should be about encouraging local small businesses to keep plugging away, to follow their dreams. When we care about other individuals, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. This is the new American Christmas tradition -- a revolution of caring about each other; and isn't that what Christmas is about?

Local College Park Restaurants include:

Fishnet, Azteca Restaurant & Cantina, Ledo's, Cornerstone, Plato's Diner, Hanami Japanese, The Bamboo Eater and Seven Seas, just to name a few.

Local Hair Salons: Salon Pajia, Shear Pleasure, Bananas, Alinas, Dominican Hands, D'Juanas, Expressions and Today's Hair

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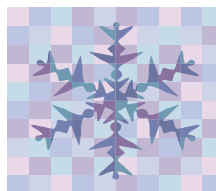
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Thank you for supporting our community!!!

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Is it time to renew?***

***Beginning January 1, 2012, the MVA will no longer send out
Driver's License Renewal Notices.***

- **It is your responsibility to keep track of when it is due for renewal.**
- **BE CAREFUL, if you miss your renewal date for over a year,
You will have to take a driver's test again!**

**Driving without a "valid" Driver's License is considered a MAJOR VIOLATION
And could affect your insurance premium.**

**Be a Good Neighbor and pass this valuable information along
to family, friends and colleagues through your e-mail.**

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Neighborhood Homes

Information Provided by Jerry Anzulovic

Properties Sold or Rented (Berwyn 4, Branchville 0)

5011 Berwyn Road, \$212,000, (\$234,900), 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
5049 Berwyn Road, \$190,000, (\$209,000), 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
4810 Osage Street, \$297,500, (\$287,500), 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths.
4821 Osage Street, \$125,000, (\$195,000), 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.

Properties Under Contract (Berwyn 17, Branchville 0)

5027 Berwyn Road, \$219,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
5057 Berwyn Road, \$199,000, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
4801 Osage Street, \$90,000, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath.
4805 Greenbelt Road, \$114,900, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath.
4823 Osage Street, \$194,900, 5 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
4717 Pontiac Street, \$325,000, 5 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
8304 Potomac Avenue, \$208,500, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths.
8400 Potomac Avenue, \$189,900, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8411 Potomac Avenue, \$200,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath.
8513 Potomac Avenue, \$124,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4813 Ruatan Street, \$225,000, 6 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 104, \$95,000, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 202, \$119,900, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8306 48th Avenue, \$349,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8701 48th Avenue, \$139,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8707 48th Avenue, \$229,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8404 49th Avenue, \$250,000, 4 bedrooms, 1½ baths.

Properties for Sale or Rent (Berwyn 15, Branchville 1)

4707 Berwyn Road, \$330,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
5110 Berwyn Road, \$2,150, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4808 Osage Street, \$186,000, 2 bedrooms, 1.
4822 Osage Street, \$274,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8307 Patuxent Avenue, \$75,000, 7,900 sf building lot.
8407 Patuxent Avenue, \$119,900, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath.
8308 Potomac Avenue, \$194,999, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8322 Potomac Avenue, \$288,000, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
8407 Potomac Avenue, \$150,000, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths.
5010 Roanoke Place, \$189,750, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
5102 Roanoke Place, \$278,000, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
5104 Roanoke Place, \$325,000, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4705 Tecumseh Street, Unit 101, \$113,900, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4707 Tecumseh Street, Unit 202, \$90,000, 1 bedroom, 1 bath.
4707 Tecumseh Street, Unit 204, \$129,000, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8907 48th Ave, \$210,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.