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Berwyn Day September 12, 2009

Please volunteer to help for this year's Berwyn Day! If you can spare a couple of hours over the summer to meet, please contact Kevin Young at kc5018@yahoo.com or 301-474-3577

And, for more information, visit myberwyn.org.

College Park Airport's 100th Anniversary August 29, 2009

The College Park Airport will celebrate its 100th year anniversary with an air show.

Please check the website for more details as the date gets closer.



Have a great summer!!!!

Berwyn District Civic Association

**Next meeting is Thursday,
June 18, 2009**

**Meetings are held the THIRD THURSDAY of
the month from 8-10 PM in Fealy Hall**

BDCA 2008-2009 Officers

President	<i>Jerry Anzulovic</i>
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REMEMBER

No newsletters or meetings until September. The BDCA goes on break for July and August.

Keep watching your e-mails and the BDCA message board for activities that will pop up over the summer!

Stay informed about neighborhood activities.
Visit the Berwyn web site at
<http://www.myberwyn.org/>
for news, photos, maps, meeting minutes, and
much more.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jerry Anzulovic, jvamgnca1@verizon.net

Well here we are at the end of another Civic Association year and the Board of Directors acting as the Nominating Committee has put forward the following members for the following offices. For President, Kevin Young, for 1st Vice President, Jerry Anzulovic, for 2nd Vice President, Jack Perry, for Corresponding Secretary, Timothy Triplett, for Recording Secretary, Liesl Koch, for Treasurer Lori Young, for Director Harry Pitt, for Director Terrance Rucker, for Director Robert Catlin, for Director Kevin Carter and for Director Antoinette Byrd. Everybody knows their jobs. Antoinette is the editor of the BERWYN NEWS, Kevin is the moderator and keeps us acting in a civil manner towards each other with neighborhood watch, Robert keeps us informed about, and is also councilman for, the city of College Park, Terrance is our public affairs person, Harry takes care of neighborhood preservation, Liesl knows where all the bodies are hidden and remembers for us, everything, Timothy handles communications with the outside world and is the web master for myberwyn.org, Jack is our other councilman for the city and keeps us informed about the activities at the city level like Robert, I ask about the health of Kevin Young everyday and Kevin will lead the community for the next year to come. Elections will be held on the 18th of the month at the monthly meeting of the Association and of course nominations for all or any office can be made from the floor at that time.

The Association would also like to make a presentation to a very valuable member of our community at the meeting this month and that is our very own Russell Robinette. I am sure everyone of you know Russell and the very commendable work he does for Berwyn on just about every day of year, or at least when he can get out and about. He does what we all should do all the time. When he spies something that should not be there, he picks it up. He does something. The rest of us just pass it by and say somebody else should do that. Well, Russell DOES. I believe Russell embodies the ideal of what is meant by civic responsibility. He is a true CITIZEN. In fact, our French cousins after their revolution made the term a word of honor and privilege. I only wish I could measure up to Russell and his daily actions. I wish you God speed Russell.

Also would like to announce that the prisoners here at Point Lookout Annex have a new addition to their ranks. The prisoner's name is Abigail or Abby for short. She came to us from a rescue group and after a good stretch in the sick bay is on the mend and learning the rules as instructed by the camp provost. She is already shouting at the federals who walk by showing off their much loved butlers and/or maids. I believe she will not take to reconstruction and shall be incarcerated here for the rest of her life like the other prisoners. Hope to see you on the 18th.

COUNCILMAN VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Bob Catlin

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Greeting neighbors. As I expected, the City Council adopted its FY2010 budget without further change from the budget that was shown to the public in mid-April, after the City Council received a proposed budget from the City Manager in late March and made only a few changes to his proposed budget. Finishing touches are being put on the downtown parking garage. The City should take possession by early July. A grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th. A well-regarded business is currently evaluating the retail space for its operations. If the business locates there, it would use most, if not all, of the 5,800 square feet of space that is available.

University View, phase three, was approved by the County's Planning Board late last month. Starview Plaza is working to satisfy its lenders issues, with the City's help. Much progress has been made, so I am hopeful that construction can begin by the fall. The College Park Motel is again pursuing financing for its approved project to construct a 50-room hotel on its small site. The project was approved two years ago, but has been unable to get financing.

Please save the date: Saturday, August 29th. The College Park Airport will celebrate its 100th anniversary with an air show that afternoon, weather permitting. The last air show was in 2000. It had been an annual event that attracted about 25,000-40,000 people.

The City Council recently reviewed plans, complete to about the 60 percent level, for the reconstruction of Duval Field on Rhode Island Avenue. The plan calls for upgrading the facility and having the facility appeal to a wider range of users. The plan calls for a new building to house the snack bar, rest rooms and equipment storage. One of the major improvements would involve constructing a jogging track around the perimeter of the property. Field grading and an improved drainage would make the athletic fields more usable, too.

College Park will hold its regularly scheduled election in November. All City Council positions and the Mayor are up for election to new two-year terms. The mayor must be at least 25 years old, while the council positions have a 21-year old age requirement. The mayor receives a monthly stipend that amounts to \$7,500 a year, while council members receive a monthly stipend that amounts to \$5,000 a year. Tangible fringe benefits are few, though council members can attend the Maryland Municipal League's annual conference in late June in Ocean City, as these expenses have typically been included in the City's annual budget.

Recently Mayor Brayman announced that he would not be a candidate this fall. Mayor Brayman has served four terms (eight years), after serving two terms as a council member (District 3). The only announced candidate for Mayor is Andrew Fellows, a resident from College Park Estates. Mr. Fellows served three terms on the City Council from 2001-2007. Mr. Fellows is well regarded and is certainly qualified to become College Park's next mayor.

The City Council will be looking this summer at: extending the rent stabilization ordinance that was enacted in 2005 and is scheduled to expire in the fall; reviewing resident use of the UM shuttle for a second year; considering a city revitalization property tax credit for certain commercial redevelopment; and is considering an agreement with the County's School Board to renovate and reopen the City's Calvert Road property as a Choice public school, among other things. I hope to see you at Thursday evenings monthly BDCA meeting, our last scheduled meeting until October.

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS

Jack Perry, 301-345-7526

The City Council has adopted the budget for the next fiscal year (2010). A key item in the budget is a cost of living raise for employees of 3%. This amount was agreed to during the last union negotiations. Past policy of the City has been to grant that amount of the union contract to **ALL** City employees. Maybe three years ago this amount was acceptable. However, in these times of economic craziness it is out of step. I guess this reinforces the idea that this is a good place to work, but I wouldn't live there (College Park).

There are also a few other goodies in the next year's budget. These are available on line for your perusal, or you can give me a call and we can talk about them.

Mayor Brayman has announced that he will not be running for another term. This means that the field is open to any and all comers. You can run, anyone can. Do you think that you would like to be Mayor? Look into it. So far, only one candidate has expressed an interest. As we know, uncontested contests are not as exciting as contested races.

City staff has adjusted some of the solid waste pick up routes (trash). You may see the automated truck on your street. This will, hopefully, be more efficient for the public works department and the city. These changes have not resulted in staff reduction, only reassignment of personnel to other tasks.

As you can see, the development of the west side of Route #1 is moving along. Ultimately, there will be 1,000 'beds' over there. 'Beds' is how they count

tenants or occupants of student housing. There is hope that this development will offer our existing neighborhoods some relief on the conversion of single family homes to student rentals. I hope that does occur. However, on the flip side – is the city ready for the conversion of a very large area into an off campus housing area of 1,000+ college students?

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and Washington Gas are still slowing down the city's street maintenance program. We cannot do the work on a street until they have finished their pipe work. As usual the City of College Park has to get in line – and never at the front of the queue. So we wait and watch the cost increases.

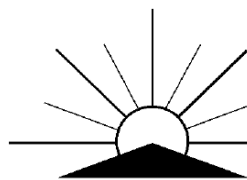
On the neighborhood side: Many of the students have gone and taken their cars with them. Now it is time to give Berwyn a clean sweep. Yeah, I know it pains us to have to clean up after them, but if we don't do it the mess will only get worse. The rains can only do so much. For the most part it will only take a few minutes. Just drag the green cart out, sweep up and put it in the cart. Next semester ask your new neighbors to work with you and help to keep Berwyn clean.

We have had some foreclosures in Berwyn. Keep an eye on them. Call 301-864-8877 for any reports about the house if it is empty/vacant. If you are suspicious, call the police.

Thank you all again for all of your support and prayers during these trying times for me. May God bless you and continue to bless America. See you at the meeting and the association's elections. Thank God for modern medicine. Jack

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Information Provided by
Jerry Anzulovic
of Bright and Associates

Properties under Contract (Berwyn 1, Branchville 0)

- 8521 Potomac Avenue**, \$319,900, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Charles R. Bailey, Absentee owner since 9/15/2006.
5016 Roanoke Place, \$158,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Rosa Solis & Norma M. Hernandez-Solis, Absentee owners since 3/9/2007.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 303, \$215,000, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Michael Wright, Owner occupant since 8/16/2006
***8901 48th Avenue**, \$245,900, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Jose Zavala & Ana C Aguilar, Absentee owners since 9/29/2005. Now under FNMA on 12/19/ 2008. SA Cris O'Bryhim-Curtis, criscurtis@erols.com, SB Baldus Real Estate, La Plata, MD 20646, 301-870-3266.

Properties for Sale or Rent (Berwyn 10, Branchville 0)

- 5007 Berwyn Road**, \$312,500, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Cynthia S. Rankin, Owner occupant since 11/10/1999.
***4705 Greenbelt Road**, \$359,990, 7 bedrooms, 3 baths, William J. & Ellen F. Roberts, Absentee owners since 6/22/2006.
8400 Potomac Avenue, \$369,900, Scott A. Roberts, Absentee owner since 11/23/1998.
8524 Potomac Avenue, \$375,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Richard D. Weary, Owner occupant since ?.
4904 Ruatan Street, \$2,500 a month, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, Brian E. & Erin L. Shipp, Absentee owners since 11/3/2003.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 104, \$220,000, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Sonia I. Mercado-Caceres & Delsa M. Mercado, Owner occupants since 6/28/2007.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 302, \$1,550 per month; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths; Renne Gray, Absentee owner since 4/2/2007.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 304, \$224,999, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Jack B. Johnson, Absentee owner since 12/7/2006.
4914 Tecumseh Street, \$105,000, Vacant lot, Was Trouble's north paddock, Felicite Nkonabang, Absentee owner since 10/10/2007.
8513 48th Avenue, \$260,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Juan P. Martinez, Owner occupant since 1/18/2006.

DOM means day on the market from listing to filing of deed at courthouse. Underline means a new listing.
* means a change in offered price, LA means living area only (NOT the basement or lower level).

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