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Berwyn District Civic Association Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2011
8:00 PM, Fealy Hall
49th Ave., & Berwyn Road

Guest Speakers

Daniel Bongino
Republican Candidate,
United States Senate, Maryland

Play Group Meets Wednesdays, 10AM
Berwyn Neighborhood Park (Cherry Park)
In case of rain ~ Fealy Hall



2011 BDCA
Annual Christmas
Holiday Party
Saturday, December 10
Details Inside

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President's Corner Kevin Young

The Association's November meeting will feature Dan Bongino candidate for US Senate for Maryland. Mr. Bongino, a Republican, hopes to unseat Ben Cardin whose seat becomes open in 2012. But first Dan must navigate a crowded field of Republican hopefuls. Among those hopefuls is Richard Douglas, a Berwyn resident and Association member who has recently announced his candidacy. Come out and join us for this interesting meeting.

This year's Bonfire was a great success. Dan Blasberg managed the event and everyone had a safe and enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Jim Baker and the Branchville VFD for monitoring and making sure the fire was properly extinguished. We will be cleaning the site in the next couple of weeks but in the meantime if you would like some beneficial ash for your garden please help yourself.

The Association's annual Holiday Party will be held on December the 10th 1 to 3 pm in Fealy Hall. This year the Association will provide light lunch and dessert. Just bring yourself and any youngsters you can round up. I'm sure Santa will stop by as usual to visit the children. If you can help with decorating beforehand or cleaning up after the event we can use your help. Please contact Lori or me at 301-474-3577.

We've had a remarkable increase in membership renewals this fall over last year. We've also signed up several new members. Thanks to all who have paid their annual dues and welcome to new members. Having your dues current is important. Members in good standing are able to vote on matters before the association. From time to time significant issues come before the membership-- your vote matters.

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Hopefully by the time you read this our new local restaurant FishNet will be open for business. FishNet promises to be a first class addition to our neighborhood. Please stop by and support this establishment and thank the proprietor for investing in our commercial district.

We want to hear from you to get your input on meeting subjects and speakers of interest. You may contact me via email at President@myberwyn.org or give me a call at 301-474-3577. Thank you for your continued support.

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS

Jack Perry – 301-345-7526

Jack is taking a break. We hope his column will resume next month

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011
at 7:30PM
The City of College Park
extends an Invitation to Berwyn
to celebrate
Jack Perry's 26 years as
City Councilman
and in service to his community.

COUNCILMAN'S VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Bob Catlin, 301-345-0742 or
Catcprtc@aol.com

Greetings neighbors. In October the College Park Motel was razed and site work began on a Best Western Hotel at this location. At College Park Day I spoke to a principal representing the Koon's Ford property and learned of their interest in constructing not only a hotel but also about 15,000 square feet of retail at that location. The retail would consist of a sit down restaurant and perhaps four additional retail spaces. The proposed student housing redevelopment project proposed for the Maryland Book Exchange property is on hold pending a revision of the site plan to address various issues raised by our Planning staff. I expect to address the City's concerns the revised plan will need to be reduced in scope from about 1,000 beds to about 800-850 beds. The delay may also mean that the project will be delayed in opening by an additional school year.

At the new student housing buildings on Route 1 construction is well under way on a variety of food establishments (Austin Grill Express, ChiDoGo's, YoLove Frozen Yogurt, Shanghai & Tokyo Café and Sweetgreen) and an eyeglass repair store, The Frame Member. These businesses should be opening early in 2012. In north College Park a new Pizza restaurant will soon be opening. Fox's Pizza Den is located where the Alario's was located for many years.

As I write this article the Fishnet Restaurant has not yet opened, but it should be open any day now. Initially the restaurant will serve only dinner, but lunch and a delivery service should soon follow.

The city run website <http://shopcollegepark.org> is being updated to include special offers and coupons from local businesses. A variety of businesses have been approved for matching grants to install new signage that is more attractive than much of what you see in the city.

The City has applied for a state grant to demolish some long empty buildings in the Route 1 corridor. All but one of the buildings is in north College Park. That one building is the building located north of Taco Bell.

On Saturday, November 19th the City Planning staff will hold a public meeting at City Hall from 8:30 am until noon to discuss development opportunities in the Route 1 corridor and to solicit residents' ideas about what they would like to see as the corridor redevelops.

We had great weather for the annual Octoberfest Bonfire on October 19th. For the first time the wood was collected and the bonfire was expertly constructed by Dan Blasberg. I am sure Park & Planning was pleased that the resulting bonfire was more controlled.

You may have noticed a fair amount of concrete work the City had done in the neighborhood. Much of it was done to fix damage that occurred in early 2010 as a result of plowing the heavy snows we experienced then.

By the time you read this article the City elections will have been held and Monroe Dennis and I will be representing District 2 on the City Council in 2012 and Mayor Fellows will be elected to a second term. Exciting things are underway on Route 1. In addition I expect I will have a lot to report about our City's evolving collaborative relationship with the university over the coming year. Stay tuned and stay informed. And don't hesitate to ask questions or voice your opinions. Thanks for your past support.

Who Ya Gonna Call?? **By Dan Blasberg**

Actually, the question we see the most on the Berwyn neighborhood watch list serve (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/berwyn_neighborhood_watch/) is "who should I call?" The answer has several answers and depends on the issue and situation, and we generally hear it at the beginning of the new semester for UMD and again when the weather warms up in the spring.

For noise complaints, the city of College Park has its own noise enforcement officers that enforce the city's noise code. A code enforcement officer is on duty late spring and early fall on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. If you have a noise complaint during these times, call the Noise Enforcement Hotline at 301-275-2466. All other times, call 240-487-3570.

For non-emergency issues, the city has contract police officers who serve College Park first, then the rest of the police district encompassing College Park. The non-emergency number is 301-352-1200 and should be used for issues that are not an imminent threat to life or property. This would be such issues as suspicious person, suspicious vehicle(s) or issues that does not include a crime, a fire or life safety.

For all emergencies, call 911. Most people have an idea of what to report to 911; but we invariably have a discussion on what to report and where. Calls that should be reported to 911 are sometimes reported to the non-emergency number. Just remember, the call takers for Prince George's County Public Safety Communications are the same for the both emergency/non-emergency number.

So there you have it, a quick, but brief explanation of who to call and when, with one last parting note. If you are ever in doubt about which number to call, I always advise folks to call 911. The call takers are trained to determine what is important and what is not and have no issue with taking your report. Let them do the heavy lifting in regards to is it or is it not a non-emergency if you are ever in doubt.

New to the Neighborhood **By Elizabeth Kuligowski**

My husband and I moved to College Park in June to be closer to his work. As we were looking to buy a home this spring we came across the Berwyn neighborhood and its civic association. What encouraged us to put Berwyn on the top of our list was its active community that seemed to really care

about their community. (One can hear rumors from the Virginia side of DC about the "other side" and the direction it is all heading.)

Another thing that made Berwyn attractive is the evidence of kids in the neighborhood. I noticed the kept up play equipment at the park that one could walk to. I saw the Wednesday morning playgroup announcement in the Berwyn Newsletter. As we drove and walked around the neighborhood we saw other evidences of kids in the neighborhood such as strollers and toys in people's yards.

On top of that we read an article from Bloomberg Businessweek about the 2011 best places to raise your kids based on affordability and family friendly. They picked one city per state, and believe it or not it was College Park!

Since moving to the neighborhood in June we have been pleasantly welcomed by a few of our neighbors, including a welcome gift of two mangos (instead of the traditional bakery food). We've enjoyed getting to know some of our neighbors including some older folks, grad students, and the group of kids that often walk by our house.

We've appreciated those who have gone out of their way to wave and smile at us as they see their new neighbors and those who talked to us at the bonfire and other events. We have in turn been able to welcome a new family on our block and have tried to let them know of the activities that are happening in our community.

So thank you for welcoming us and please continue to go out of your way to say hi to neighbors and get to know them. We believe it can make a huge difference in building community in a neighborhood especially to those of us who are new!

Bloomberg Businessweek Article Link:
<http://images.businessweek.com/slideshows/20101214/the-best-places-to-raise-your-kids-2011/>



**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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Send payment, family name, and street address to:

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Thank you!

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Christmas Wreath Sale 2011
Order Form*

*ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 12 Noon, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011
Please make check payable to Berwyn District Civic Association (BDCA)*

Your Name: _____
Your Address: _____
Home & Cell Phone: _____

*PICK UP ORDERS
Friday, December 9th, between 3:15 PM and 6:00 PM at the home of
Michele Garnes, 4801 Ruatan St., Phone: 301.474.2681*

<u>Wreaths</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Mail your order form</u>
<i>8" Balsam w/red bow (\$20.00)</i>	_____	<i>Michele Garnes</i>
<i>18" Mixed Evergreen w/cones (\$25.00)</i>	_____	<i>4801 Ruatan St.</i>
<i>Amount Enclosed</i>	_____	<i>College Park, MD 20740</i>

HELP!

Need old Photos of Maryland Autoparts or
Berwyn/Route 1 intersection

Mid 1960's - 1970's, before, during or after
construction.

REWARD!

301-441-2044 after 5pm

TouchTheSquid@gmail.com

**BERWYN DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO OUR**

Annual Christmas Holiday Party!



Saturday, December 10th
1pm – 3pm Fealy Hall
Berwyn Rd. & 49th Ave.

All neighbors are invited to our annual holiday gathering.
We will provide a light lunch with beverages,
and there will be crafts for the children.

Contributions of your favorite home goodies are appreciated!

A fellow from the North Pole is expected to
visit at approximately 2:15pm.

Parents, please note that children under the age of 12 should not be left unsupervised.

A Note of Interest

**YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWS ON YOUR BIRTHDATE – EVERY 5 YEARS!
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**

BDCA 2010-2011 Officers

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Standard Operating Procedure:

Publication of the Berwyn District Civic Association (BDCA) Newsletter

The Board of Directors for the BDCA meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Board members are requested to submit an e-mail copy of articles for publication to the newsletter editor not later than the following Monday. As a reminder, an e-mail is sent to all Board members on the next business day.

Once completed, the newsletter is submitted to the BDCA President for final approval. The final, approved newsletter is e-mailed to the printer not later than the 2nd Thursday of the month.

On the 1st of every month the general membership is invited to submit articles, and 1 accompanying photograph for publication. All articles must adhere to the following conditions for publication:

- Articles should be in MS Word format and not exceed 1 pages, single spaced, in Verdana font, with a font size of 9.5.
- Articles capturing the history of our Berwyn neighborhood, community affairs, human interest, family recipes and traditions will be considered.
- Articles and photographs expressing a political, religious or social philosophy will not be accepted.
- The Editor reserves the right to decline articles, and or photographs, for any reason.

Unsolicited articles are due the 1st of each month and may be submitted to Michele Garnes at:

mckgarnes@earthlink.net



Neighborhood Homes

Information Provided by Jerry Anzulovic

Properties Sold or Rented (Berwyn 0, Branchville 0)

Properties Under Contract (Berwyn 18, Branchville 0)

5011 Berwyn Road, \$234,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½baths
5027 Berwyn Road, \$219,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½baths
5049 Berwyn Road, \$190,000, (\$199,900), 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths
4801 Osage Street, \$90,000, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath
4805 Greenbelt Road, \$114,900, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath
4821 Osage Street, \$137,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
4823 Osage Street, \$194,900, 5 bedrooms, 2½ baths
4717 Pontiac Street, \$325,000, 5 bedrooms, 2½baths
8304 Potomac Avenue, \$208,500, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths
8411 Potomac Avenue, \$200,000, SHORT SALE, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
8513 Potomac Avenue, \$124,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths
4813 Ruatan Street, \$225,000, 6 bedrooms, 2½baths
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 104, \$95,000, (\$220,000), 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, 2baths
8707 48th Avenue, \$229,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
8404 49th Avenue, \$250,000, 4 bedrooms, 1½baths

Properties for Sale or Rent (Berwyn 16, Branchville 1)

4707 Berwyn Road \$330,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths
5057 Berwyn Road, \$199,000, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths
5110 Berwyn Road, \$2,150, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths
4713 Branchville Road, \$230,000, 3 bedrooms, 1½baths
4808 Osage Street, \$186,000, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath
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
8400 Potomac Avenue, \$189,900, 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
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 303, \$1,680, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
8907 48th Ave, \$210,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths