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Annual Halloween Thing Saturday, October 25, 2008 10 AM-Noon (Rain or shine)

Games, prizes and refreshments for all ages.

Event takes place at the College Park Youth and Family Services Center located at 4912 Nantucket Road.

For more information, call 301-474-1210

College Park Blues Festival Saturday, November 8, 2008 Ritchie Coliseum

Live music, fun and entertainment from noon to 4 PM--come see the instrument petting zoo.

Free admission and parking.

All are invited!

Veteran's Day Program Tuesday, November 11, 2008 11 AM

Mayor Stephen A. Brayman and the College Park Council will be at the College Park Veterans Memorial (Route 1 and Greenbelt Road) in observance of Veterans Day.

This event is sponsored by the City of College Park, Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee.

Berwyn District Civic Association

Next Council meeting October 16, 2008 at 8 PM in Fealy Hall.

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THE NEXT ISSUE of The *Berwyn News* will be distributed on the weekend of **November 15th**. The deadline for articles & ads is **November 11th**.

And remember, the next general membership meeting will be on Thursday, October 16th.

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jerry Anzulovic, jvamgnca1@verizon.net

Well, here we are in the last few weeks of the election and what a horserace it has turned out to be. I hope everybody who is registered will vote, and remember, we have ballot questions A through J to vote on. I would suggest that everyone make up your mind on how you are going to vote on the questions before you go into the voting booth. That will surely speed up the process and at least get you through quicker. I expect that the lines will be long, and a lot of people will be deciding when they are standing before the computer screen. I have asked for an absentee ballot because I shall be working outside up at Hollywood Elementary School and I don't want to be away for very long.

We did not have Berwyn Day this year because we just could not get up the enthusiasm to bring it off. It might have been an act of God that we could not pull it off since the first Saturday, being the day we usually have it, was the day the remainder of one of the hurricanes came through. It would have really washed us out and we would have had a financial disaster. Maybe next year.

This month's membership meeting will be about re-creating another successful Halloween night watch here in old Berwyn. I found that what we did last year made that Halloween night a great success and the safest one we have had in a long time. Let's try it again this year. Please come out on the 16th and participate. I know the two POWs here at Point Lookout Annex are willing to do their part for their corner of Berwyn. Are you?

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

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COUNCILMAN VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Bob Catlin

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Greetings neighbors. Wow, what a fall, so far. The financial crisis is increasingly looking like it will cause widespread havoc throughout the economy. The end of an era of widely available, inexpensive credit is probably drawing to a close. The implications for College Park, at least in the short run, are not good. It could well be that the myriad of projects slated for the Route 1 corridor will be delayed even more or worse. The rebuilding of the road itself suddenly looks even more remote, perhaps requiring—at a minimum—the rethinking of the Intercounty Connector road, which began construction during the summer. Perhaps the reopening of the Route 1 sector plan, which just got underway, can be used to both better plan and incentivize the needed redevelopment.

Information about development projects and issues in College Park and areas nearby can be obtained from the blog: RethinkCollegePark.org. The original founders of the blog have largely moved on, but others have stepped up to keep the blog going.

As you may be aware City residents are now eligible to ride the University's shuttle busses, without charge. Residents do need to register with the City and get an ID card. The ID card is free and can be gotten with little effort. Just make a trip to City Hall.

Over the course of the last couple of years, plans have been developed for the infusion of University of Maryland resources into Paint Branch Elementary School (PBES). School partnerships would be developed that extend beyond the College of Education. The impact, while fairly small now, would be greatly enhanced beginning in August 2009. PBES made great strides in its standardized testing in the spring 2008. In addition, the school is operating well under its capacity, as classes average only about 17 students each.

Parked cars now largely clog 48th Avenue from Berwyn Road south to Pontiac Street. It appears that some City action is required to open up the street so that it can operate in a reasonable way. Another concern is whether emergency vehicles will be able to traverse the street without unreasonable delay.

Halloween is fast approaching. Last year the event was successful in contrast to the problems, that occurred in 2006. Come to the BDCA meeting on Thursday, October 16th to discuss plans for this year's event.

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS
Jack Perry, 301-345-7526

I still support English as the official language of the City of College Park. Even though my motion for a charter amendment failed—for a lack of a second—the idea is still out there and may yet see the light of day.

There are a number of things that the city council is considering at this time. Bob has informed you of the development issues, so I won't repeat 'em—the parking garage, in downtown, is under construction. The future development of the existing city hall site is still up in the air at this time—a key component is where does a new city hall go? The city has property where it could be built with no cost for the land—which makes sense to me. Or as some would have us do, put it on an undersized lot with strings attached.

Any development of the city hall site MUST take in the properties along Route 1 from the Knox Road corner to Lehigh or else we will continue to have the mish mash of joints that currently exist in our downtown. Which reminds me of the late 40's and 50's, and that the property owners don't care about College Park moving into the 21st century, as long as they get a rent check every month.

East Campus is going to be a massive development that will impact College Park like nothing else in the recent past. Our downtown area doesn't want to be left behind. The merchants are at the mercy of the land owners. East Campus wants the support of your fair city, in aiding the sale of bonds to build with this support will come the strings that I spoke about earlier.

A massive redevelopment of the post WWII Knox boxes and near neighborhood will also impact our city and campus housing. Any redevelopment of this area is not scheduled for the near term but will happen. The University keeps increasing enrollment and the students want decent housing close to campus. Mom and dad want safety and security for their children at an affordable price. The redevelopment of the "Knox Boxes" will go away a long way to providing that.

As long as this type of student housing is provided, the pressure on our existing single family homes and neighborhood should decrease which will put families and owner occupiers back where they belong.

There are budget woes throughout the spectrum and although the city is currently on a sound fiscal footing, care must be exercised, as well as fiscal prudence. You are responsible for sending officials to office who promise and practice that.

You now have a choice with Fios and Comcast, judge the packages and fine print, and get wired for cable TV, internet and voice.

We should all subscribe to the neighborhood watch website and remember to be safe—know your surroundings and keep your doors locked.

Missed last month's for a lot of reasons, will try not to let it happen again. May God continue to bless America. See you at the meeting.

We need you to be a BDCA volunteer!

The BDCA is run completely by volunteers who strive to improve our lives in Berwyn. Is that goal of interest to you? Then volunteer as an officer for the next year. It doesn't require much time, and no experience is needed...only an interest to make Berwyn a wonderful place to live. Please talk to any current officer about getting involved.

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Properties Sold or Rented (Berwyn 4, Branchville 0)

- 4802 Berwyn Road**, \$1,695 per month, (\$1,800), 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 992 sf, DOM 70, SA Patricia Makin, pmakin@mrjs.com SB RE/MAX One, Bowie, Md., 301-464-0044.
- 4804 Osage Street**, \$272,000, (\$270,000), 7 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,150 sf, DOM 157, Timothy & Catherine Hagan, et al, 17901 Ednor View Terrace, Ashton, Md., 20861-9757, 240-342-2362, SA Peter Kim Peter@JandRRealEstateTeam.com SB Fairfax Realty Inc., Hillandale, Md., 20903, 301-439-9500.
- 4914 Tecumseh Street**, \$125,000, (\$149,000), (Building lot), 9,228 sf, Felicite Nkonabang, 5440 Marnelli Road, Unit 219, Bethesda, Md., 20852, DOM 165, SA Michael Bridges michaelbridges@mrjs.com SB Weichert Realtors, Fairfax, Va., 22030, 703-691-0555.
- 4709 Tecumseh Street**, \$1,500, (\$1,500), 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,023 sf, DOM 67, SA Sylvia Yang, SB Metrostar Realty, LLC.

Properties under Contract (Berwyn 5, Branchville 0)

- *4904 Osage Street**, \$339,000, Matthew H. & Monika Nuhse, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2058 sf, Owner occupants since 2/1/2005.
- 8315 Potomac Avenue**, \$339,000, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, Lynn E. & Emma Ingram, Owner occupants since
- *8520 Potomac Avenue**, \$349,900, Robert D. & Stephen M. Ford, Owner occupants since 10/1/2004.
- 5009 Quebec Street**, \$398,500, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,248 sf, Linda M. & Robert L. Brown, Owner occupants since 3/9/2005.
- 4702 Tecumseh Street**, \$350,000, Alfredo G. Orozco, Owner occupant since 05/02/2006.

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

- 4812 Berwyn Road**, \$354,900, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, Kathleen L. Kiley & Calvin Lee, Owner occupants since 10/4/2001.
- 5055 Berwyn Road**, \$329,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Tanya Walentowica, Absentee owner since 7/22/1997.
- 4705 Greenbelt Road**, \$449,000, William J. & Ellen F. Roberts, Absentee owners since 6/22/2006.
- *4707 Greenbelt Road**, \$449,900, William J. & Ellen F. Roberts, Absentee owners since 6/23/2006.
- 4805 Greenbelt Road**, \$175,000, Michael Bailey, Absentee owner since 3/2/2007.
- 8407 Patuxent Avenue**, \$365,000, Richard D. & Donna A. Burns, Owner occupants since 7/18/1983.
- 8400 Potomac Avenue**, \$369,900, Scott A. Roberts, Absentee owner since 11/23/1998.
- 5007 Quebec Street**, \$349,900, Russell R. Dickerson, Owner occupant since 03/24/1988.
- 5004 Roanoke Place**, \$350,000, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths, Jose H. & Aurelia Cruz, Owner occupants since 2/17/2006.
- 5106 Roanoke Place**, \$310,000, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, Rolando Crespin & Rut I. Valladares, Absentee Owners since 12/8/2005.
- 4705 Tecumseh Street**, Unit 102, \$219,922, Vinnett Riley-Baptiste, Owner occupant since 10/30/2006.
- 4705 Tecumseh Street**, Unit 301, \$259,900, Sushil K. Goel & Suraiya Moin, Owner occupants since 8/16/2007.
- 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 303, \$259,000, 2 bedrooms, Michael Wright, Owner occupant since 8/16/2006.
- 8513 48th Avenue**, \$260,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Juan P. Martinez, Owner occupant since 1/18/2006.
- 8901 48th Avenue**, \$349,900, Jose Zavala & Ana C. Aguilar, Absentee owners since 9/29/2005.

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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