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Berwyn District Civic Association Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00 PM, Fealy Hall

49th Ave., & Berwyn Road

Guest Speakers

**Bob Ryan Director, Public Services
and a Representative from our County Police**

**College Park Candidates for Mayor
and City Council**

Mayor Andrew Fellows

Robert Catlin

Monroe Dennis

Play Group Meets Wednesdays, 10AM

Berwyn Neighborhood Park (Cherry Park)

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2011 BDCA

**Oktoberfest Bonfire
Saturday, October 22**

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President's Corner Kevin Young

I am pleased to report that Berwyn Day 2011 was a great success! The Association's primary fund raiser was well attended and despite the preceding week's torrential rain, we were able to get the park in shape in time and enjoy a fantastic day. This year Berwyn's own Jim Colby along with his band Reverb Galaxy rocked the park with a combination of surf tunes with a few classic oldies but goodies thrown in for good measure. And good measure it was judging by the compliments received during and after the show. Check out Lena's fantastic pictures on myberwyn.org. Did you know that 46 volunteers worked to plan, staff and clean-up after Berwyn Day? That says a lot about our community. Thank you to all who worked to make Berwyn Day another great reason to live in Berwyn.

October's BDCA meeting will be a busy one. Bob Ryan, Director of Public Service, City of College Park and a representative from the County Police have been invited to address problems associated with house parties and under-age drinking. Afterwards, candidates for City Council District Two Bob Catlin and Monroe Dennis, along with Mayor Andrew Fellows, will also be on hand to talk about their vision for the City for the next term and beyond. This is the time to meet the candidates and ask any questions you may have. Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 8th, between 11 AM and 8 PM at City Hall 4500 Knox Road. Please take the time to come out to this important meeting Thursday, October 20, 8 PM, in Fealy Hall, 49th Avenue and Berwyn Road.

When you think of all the rain we've had in the last Two months, think about the agreement Jerry, Jack and other Association leaders negotiated years ago, 30 years to be exact, with the George Hyman/Clark Construction Company to inspect and maintain the

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storm water outflows along the industrial property that now houses the University of Maryland's maintenance shops. These agreements have remained in force even though the ownership of the property has changed. For many years these culverts were ignored and had become dysfunctional. A committee from the BDCA met with University officials several times over the last two years which resulted in a complete cleanout of the culverts just in time for the worst two rain events we've experienced in years. This is one example of how your Association continues to work to improve our neighborhood.

Saturday, October 22 will be our annual Oktoberfest Bonfire in the park from 7 to 9 PM. The Association will provide the apple cider; you bring your own hot dogs and marshmallows for roasting. The cut-off for dropping off wood in the park will be Thursday the 20th. Remember wood only, no painted or pressure treated lumber, trash, or poison ivy will be accepted.

I will end on a sad note. Mrs. Gladys Thomas passed away in early September; Gladys had been a member of this Association for many years and volunteered as one of our first Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. She also delivered the Berwyn News along Patuxent Avenue and kept an eye on our park. Our condolences go out to the Thomas Family.

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS

Jack Perry – 301-345-7526

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

COUNCILMAN'S VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Bob Catlin, 301-345-0742 or

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Greetings neighbors. City elections are coming soon. In our District 2 we won't be having either a contested election for council members or the Mayor. Jack Perry is stepping down after 28 years of service to the community and I had intended to call it a career after 14 years. However, we were unable to find two suitable new candidates who wanted to serve. So I will be back along with Monroe Dennis, a Lakeland resident and the President of the Lakeland Civic Association for the past five years, at least. Mayor Fellows will be serving his second term. In addition to Monroe Dennis, District 3 will elect a new council member,

as Mark Cook is stepping down. There is a contested race in District 3, though I expect that when the results are in, Robert Day, will be victorious. District 1 also has a contested race, though both incumbents are also running for reelection.

October looks to be a big month. The College Park Motel should have been razed by the time you read this. The site will become the home of a 50 room Best Western hotel. To the south, the City has been told to expect a 150 room hotel and a restaurant at the Koon's Ford location. The Fishnet Restaurant on Berwyn Road now expects to open in mid-October. On the west side of Route 1, Loonies Pub opened on September 30th. Business has been good there. Pizza Autentica opened for business on October 9th. They can seat about 60 and they have a beer and wine license, too. Their menu also includes sandwiches, grilled paninis and salads. Bobby Flay's Hamburgers and Royal Farms should also be open, as you read this. Parking will be available at the old Koon's Quick Lube lot for Pizza Autentica. Parking for the other establishments will be behind the retail; enter at the traffic light near the southern end of the Varsity. This parking will soon require payment, as the parking here needs to be managed to keep out persons wanting to park to spend the day at the university. You may find it better to park on campus at the lot (Lot XX) that directly connects with the new pedestrian bridge that leads to the Varsity project. Lot XX is open to the general public weekdays after 4 pm and all day on weekends.

In downtown College Park a number of new restaurants have or will soon open. To the north, the Azteca Restaurant has finally opened. A developer has also submitted plans for a 1,000 bed student housing project that would replace the Maryland Book Exchange. The City Council has expressed its concerns about the proposed project and soon the County Planning Board will review the project.

The City will be soon doing concrete repair work in Berwyn. During the severe snows in early 2010, plows occasionally damaged concrete curbs and the like. We didn't have money in the budget then for repairs because of severe cuts in State Highway user funds. This year our revenues are much improved and we can proceed with repairs. In north College Park extensive work is under way along Rhode Island Avenue in preparation for the installation of a traffic light at Edgewood Road. Work that is underway along Branchville Road, east of Rhode Island Avenue, is the responsibility of Washington Gas. Washington Gas is increasing its capacity to supply natural gas in the area.

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It appears that most of the homes in the neighborhood which were in foreclosure last year and were often not occupied now have new owners. Some are owner-occupied and some are rental properties. In some cases we have new landlords whose tenants have caused problems for their neighbors. Don't suffer in silence. Let the City know of your issues.

Saturday, October 22nd is the second annual College Park Day. It will be at the College Park Community Center in Lakeland from 1 to 5 pm.

I hope to see you at the BDCA meeting on Thursday, October 20th.

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TALKING ABOUT HEALTH

Sandy Tyler, fstyler@verizon.net

Lily Fountain Guest Author

In view of our changing health care system, we all must become strong self-advocates. Because that job requires a solid information base, this year's Newsletter health columns will cover a broad range of updated health care knowledge. Starting at the beginning, Lily Fountain is a mid-wife and Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She practices what she preaches as she is an enthusiastic Berwyner and proud mother of 3 breast-fed Berwyn children. Here is Lily's column.

We have a resource in College Park that doesn't cost a dime of taxpayer money or individual investment-in fact it saves over \$1000 per year! It decreases government expenditures (could save the US \$13 billion according to a recent study-Bartick Pediatrics 2010) and it makes children healthier, safer and

happier. Are you surprised to hear that this resource is breastfeeding?

I was lucky enough to raise three children in Berwyn. At that time, we had a local breastfeeding support group. In fact the first mother I ever saw breastfeed was my neighbor Janet. It turns out, 30 years later, that a large amount of scientific data and federal and state policy now endorse mother-to-mother support as one of the most important incentives to breastfeed. In addition, it is now recognized that formula-fed or formula-supplemented babies have much higher rates of obesity, asthma, infections, and other illnesses. Also we now have identified the benefits to the mother's health: decreased diabetes, cardiovascular disease, breast and ovarian cancers (<http://www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding/>).

Another key incentive is the support of the community. Breastfeeding is not just a family affair. The Surgeon General recently announced a Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding (<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/breastfeeding/>). Research has shown that nasty looks and comments from merchants, bystanders, as well as family and friends have a strong negative impact on breastfeeding. We have a Right to Breastfeed law in Maryland that says a woman can breastfeed anywhere she has a right to be present. To capture the health benefits of breastfeeding babies should be exclusively breastfed for 6 months, but no woman can do this without lots of support from the community and workplace. The Health Care Reform Law stipulates that businesses must provide a place for mothers to pump their milk. Local restaurants and merchants can show their support for breastfeeding by posting this logo at their establishment:



Moms need to only give breast milk to their babies right from the start. Babies are born to breastfeed, but sometimes we accidentally interfere with the process. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that hospitals

provide more breastfeeding support to mothers and not routinely supplement infants with formula feedings. Some routine maternity practices can have a negative effect on breastfeeding (too many IV fluids, cesarean section). Keeping the baby skin-to-skin after birth, without separation is the best start for healthy babies.

The importance of community support and exclusive breastfeeding were not well understood until recently, so no one needs to feel guilty if breastfeeding was not successful or not supported. Although the vast majority of families try breastfeeding, they aren't well supported, and usually don't exclusively breastfeed.

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You can help change that. Thanks in advance for supporting our nursing and pumping mothers!

Here are some more resources:

For Mothers:

- ✓ La Leche League (THE BEST MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR EVERY EXPECTANT/ NEW MOTHER) 877-4-LA-LECHE
- ✓ Takoma Park Support Group: <http://www.llofmd-de-dc.org/TakomaPark.html>
- ✓ Laurel Support Group: <http://www.llofmd-de-dc.org/Laurel.html>
- ✓ Kelly Mom Website www.kellymom.org

For Advocates:

- ✓ Centers for Disease Control/ Breastfeeding www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding
- ✓ Let's Move: <http://www.letsmove.gov/healthy-moms>
- ✓ Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition www.mdbfc.org

For Employers:

- ✓ Business Case for Breastfeeding <http://www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding/government-in-action/business-case-for-breastfeeding/>

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Thank you for supporting our community!!!

What To Do When...

By Chuck Ireton

"Life comes at you fast" is the slogan of a well-known national insurance company. Early in the morning this past February, life came at me fast in the form of a fire next door to my house. I awoke to firemen battering down my front door to get me out of my house. You are never prepared for what cannot be prepared for: unexpected disaster.

If you are home and discover a fire, call 911 and get everyone out of the house. Don't take the time to look for valuables or papers, just get everyone outside as quickly as is safely possible. We all remember the fire drills from school: get out quickly and orderly and meet at a central location so everyone can be accounted for.

When the firemen arrive, follow their directions, stay out of their way, and let them do their work. They are trained professionals that know what needs to be done and when it needs to be done. Remember, part of what they have to do involves penetrating walls and ceilings to see if the fire has migrated into other parts of your house. Damage, yes, but necessary damage to make sure that they save as much of your house as possible. Things can be fixed and replaced, people can't. They will only do what is necessary to ensure your safety and minimize fire damage to your property.

So, now that the fire is out and the trucks have driven away the next phase begins: recovery. Depending on the extent of the damage you may be able to stay in the property or you may be displaced so rebuilding can begin. People will descend on the scene. Some will be invaluable and assist in boarding up windows, securing doors, and otherwise making sure that secondary damage and theft attempts are deterred. Others will be there to see what pieces of the insurance pie they can put into their pockets. What is disaster for you is opportunity for them.

You will be stressed beyond belief, but be sure to take the time to listen and remember that the state of Maryland guarantees a three day cooling-off period for contracts that are signed under duress. You will have to make a lot of decisions in a very short period of time and you will be pressured about what to do with your possessions, how to deal with your insurance company, who to hire to repair the damage, and a host of other issues. If you have a spouse, trade off back and forth so you both can get rest, even if just for a few minutes at a time. The first several days after the fire will be extremely hectic. Very few things have to be committed to in

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a short time frame. Remember that things will calm down soon.

How can you avoid this whole mess to begin with? You can't control what your neighbors do on their properties but you can do simple things to make your house less of a potential fire hazard.

- Mount a small fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Local home improvement stores have inexpensive fire extinguishers that can keep a small fire from becoming a bigger one.
- Remember "spring ahead, fall back" and change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clock.
- If you have hard-wired smoke detectors, be sure to also have at least one battery-powered detector. If you lose power to your house, wired detectors will not work.
- Store gasoline, lighter fluid, and other flammables far from the house.
- Be very careful if you deep fry a turkey for Thanksgiving.
- Put very large black house numbers on a bright white background on the front of your house. If you ever dial 911 for a fire or for any other emergency reason, make it very easy for them to find you. Small brass letters on dark wood cannot be seen at night.

Finally, remember that the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department can better help you when you help them. They make an annual walk through the community to solicit donations. Write them a check when they come by and let them know that you appreciate their service to the community. These guys and girls are my heroes. They put the fire out, they got my pets out of the house, and they potentially saved my life. We have heroes right here in our community. Remember them and give as large a thanks as you can afford when they make their annual fund raising walk around College Park.



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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

2011 BDCA Oktoberfest Bonfire
Saturday, October 22, 2011
7pm – 9pm
Fire Lighting around 5:30pm

Drop off wood by Thursday October 20
(No pressure treated wood or poison Ivy)

Held at: Berwyn Neighborhood Park
49th Ave. & Patuxent Road



Plenty of Apple Cider for All. Bring Your Own
Marshmallows, Hot Dogs, etc.



Neighborhood Homes

Information Provided by Jerry Anzulovic

Properties Sold or Rented (Berwyn 8, Branchville 0)

8320 Potomac Avenue, \$155,000, (\$200,000), 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
8430 Potomac Avenue, \$152,200, (\$225,000), 4 bedrooms, 3 baths
8524 Potomac Avenue, 5 bedrooms, 1 bath
5016 Roanoke Place, \$110,900, (\$110,900), 5 bedrooms, 2 baths
5106 Roanoke Place, \$130,000, (\$310,000), 5 bedrooms, 2 baths
4815 Ruatan Street, \$165,000, (\$199,900), 4 Bedrooms, 1 bath
4705 Tecumseh Street, \$108,000, (\$109,900), 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
4914 Tecumseh Street \$329,000, (\$359,900), 5 Bedrooms, 3 baths

Properties Under Contract (Berwyn 17, Branchville 0)

5011 Berwyn Road, \$234,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths
5027 Berwyn Road, \$219,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths
5049 Berwyn Road, \$190,000, (\$199,900), 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths
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, 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, (\$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, 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 14, Branchville 2)

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, 1½ baths
4801 Osage Street, \$90,000, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath
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
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 303, \$1,680, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
9004 48th Place, \$300,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths