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Post Charrette Workshop Thursday, February 19, 2009 6:30PM

Central US Route 1 Sector Plan workshop being held at the College Park Community Center located at 5051 Pierce Avenue.

Centennial Anniversary of the College Park Airport

Check out the website for more information on activities at the Aviation Museum.

<http://www.pgparcs.com/places/historic/cpam/index.html>

Water Main Breaks

To report a water main break, please call WSSC at 301-206-4002 or College Park Public Works at 301-474-4194 and give the location.

Special Thanks!!!!

This is a special thanks to Bob Mignon at the Beltsville Minuteman Press (301-937-1904) for going beyond the call of duty for the Berwyn News.

Thanks for your help!!!

Have something to share with your neighbors?

We're interested in your neighborhood stories, photos, opinions, and community interest items. Send them to asb418@gmail.com and we'll try to get them in the next issue of the *Berwyn News*.

Berwyn District Civic Association

Next meeting is Thursday,
February 19, 2009

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

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THE NEXT ISSUE of The Berwyn News will be distributed on the weekend of **March 13th**. The deadline for articles & ads is **March 9th**.

Send articles and ads to Antoinette Byrd at asb418@gmail.com

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, jvamgnc1@verizon.net

On super bowl Sunday when I returned from church, there was a FIOS connection box lying in Nell's paddock. Did someone in the neighborhood not be able to view the Superbowl because they were missing their connection box? The wife has tried to get Verizon to come and take it, but no one seems to be interested. It is still here and if it is yours you can have it.

This month at the membership meeting we shall be having representatives from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to bring us up to date on our water main break at 48th Avenue and Berwyn Road. They will tell us about some work planned for Berwyn and Branchville this coming spring and tell us about what we should do if an emergency should arise like what happen at 48th and Berwyn. Since we have some more winter to get through it might be prudent for all of us to find out what to do and who to contact. We sure don't want to happen here what happened on River Road in Cabin John.

I was sorry to see how one of the old neighborhood's local heroes passed away. That was Bill Werber who was born and grew up right here in little ole Berwyn. Bill was a tremendous baseball player and played on numerous big league baseball teams in the thirties and early forties. He wrote a book and in the book he wrote about Berwyn before World War 1. We have run installments of that chapter in the BERWYN NEWS in the past and we can do it again for those who have come in late. If anyone of you would like to see it again, I am sure that our editor will allow it to be run again. Let me know if you would like to see it.

Well we all knew the other shoe would drop soon seeing as how the WASHINGTON POST is shrinking in size almost day by day. I have learned that everything is moving back to Virginia and if you want any of the giant web presses for doorstops you just have to come and get them. The POST has been a very good neighbor and I am sorry to see them go. Time and progress must move on, but I still don't have to like it. What will replace it is anyone's guess. Lets hope it is something as good as the Washington Post.

I urge everyone to pray that Jack's treatment process works as it is intended to do. We always need Jack's position and probing questions to keep the Council on an even keel and not jumping overboard in following a smooth talker or a stupid idea. He may seem irritating sometimes, but he is the type that ever good parliament needs to wisely and judiciously spend our collective tax monies.

Well I, the provost and the prisoners of war here at Point Lookout Annex are looking forward to the arrival of spring. Southern Maryland is always drab and dreary in February and March. See you on the 19th and don't

forget to pay your dues. The treasurer now accepts them through paypal by way of the web page or the old fashion way by check through snail mail.

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 2010! 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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1/4 Page (3.75"x5")	\$35	\$275
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Full Page (7.5"x10")	\$75	\$500

Send your payment, business name, mailing address, phone, email, and contact person to:
Berwyn District Civic Association, PO Box 535, College Park, MD, 20740 with checks payable to "Berwyn District Civic Association, Inc."

Ad files, ad size, and number of dates to run should be sent via email to the editor at asb418@gmail.com. We prefer picture files (jpg, gif, etc), but can work with text or pdf files (some formatting changes may be necessary).

COUNCILMAN VIEWS AND COMMENTS

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Greetings neighbors. On Thursday, February 19th at the City's Community Center on Pierce Avenue in Lakeland, County Planners will host a post-charrette Workshop for the US 1 Corridor Sector Plan from 6:30 to 9 pm. Draft concept plans developed in public meetings in early December will be presented. This meeting will solicit feedback, propose recommendations and discuss how recommendations can be implemented.

Clark Enterprises, a major commercial builder and developer in this region and beyond, has purchased University View and adjoining property from Otis Warren. Clark will build out the subdivision plans that Otis Warren got County approval for in front of and to the north of University View.

The University's East Campus project is scheduled for County Planning's agenda in mid to late March. Revised plans were filed last month. The development concept largely remains the same but the plans have been altered mostly to both reduce total parking and to reduce the amount of underground parking.

The College Park Airport is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The Airport has announced that on Saturday, August 29th it will host an air show to celebrate the achievement. As many of you remember, before 9/11/2001, the air show was an annual fall event that drew 20,000 to 30,000 visitors to the airport.

Our neighboring community, Lakeland, is featured in a variety of the County's Black History events this month. The key event is a history of Lakeland in photos and some maps is told in a major exhibition at the County's Montpelier Arts Center in east Laurel, just west of the BW Parkway. The exhibit runs through Thursday, February 26 and is free to the public. For many decades what we now know as Lake Artemesia was a major part of the Lakeland neighborhood, as homes and businesses were located both east and west of the railroad tracks.

WSSC has scheduled a lot of work in College Park this year. In Berwyn much of the work will involve lining our sewer mains and laterals and replacing some house connections, too.

The need for this work was determined as a result of recent camera inspections of the sewer lines in the City. Streets to be affected by the repair process in Berwyn are many. The lining process can largely be carried out through access gained through sewer manholes, so traffic disruption will be limited.

In late November, as I recently reported, the court upheld the City's Rent Stabilization program. The

landlord's group asked the judge to reconsider his decision. That request was recently denied. There are still avenues of appeal available, but I do not see any chance of the decision being reversed. I hope to see you twice Thursday: first in Lakeland at the Community Center and second at Fealy Hall for the BDCA monthly meeting

Berwyn/Branchville Home Sales in 2008

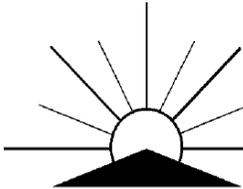
In 2008 13 single family detached homes sold in Berwyn at a median sales price of \$338,300 and an average sales price of \$333,900. Sales prices ranged from a high of \$425,000 to a low of \$265,000. No townhomes were sold in 2008. Seven of the homes were sold to owner occupants and six were sold to investors. The average sales price equaled 87 percent of the January 1, 2007 assessed value placed on the property by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. In 2007 15 single family detached homes sold at median price of \$374,000; in 2006 we had 31 such sales at a median price of \$366,000; and in 2005 we had 31 such sales at a median price of \$337,500. The last townhome sale we had was in 2007 at a price of \$330,000. Two townhomes were sold in 2006 at a median price of \$314,000, while six townhomes were sold in 2005 at a median price of \$264,000.

Interested in the Neighborhood Watch?

**To join the Berwyn watch
online group, send an email to:**

**Berwyn_neighborhood_watchsubscibe@
yahoogroups.com.**

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