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**Thursday, March 17, 2011
Membership Meeting 8PM, Fealy Hall
49th Ave., & Berwyn Road**

Guest Speakers

**Lt. Charles Duelley, Commander,
Investigations Prince Georges Police
And
Steven Halpern, City Engineer**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER Kevin Young

The Berwyn District Civic Association's March meeting will be held Thursday the 17th in the Four Seasons Room (Holy Redeemer Church) due to Holy Redeemer's annual hosting of Safe Haven in Fealy Hall. Safe Haven is a program that helps homeless men in transition. There will be a collection box at our meeting for canned goods if you would like to donate to Safe Haven.

Lieutenant Duelley, Commander of Investigations, District One Prince George's County Police, will be our guest speaker. Lieutenant Duelley was born and raised in Beacon Heights and has strong ties to the area. He has been a driving force behind the formation of the College Park/District One Coffee Club. Lt. Duelley is responsible for overseeing the investigation of crimes in the entire district. Let's give him a good turn out and learn about crime prevention and investigative procedures from one of the county's top cops.

During last month's meeting several members expressed concerns over traffic entering the Village Pump from Eastbound Greenbelt Road. There have been several near misses at this intersection. I have extended an invitation to City Engineer Steve Halpern to join us at March's meeting to discuss the matter. Additionally, if you have any street lights burnt out or cycling on and off bring the street address and pole number for Mr. Halpern.

Also in March, we will be voting on the proposed changes to our by-laws. At last month's meeting the changes were read into the record by the By-law committee chairperson and promptly "laid on the table" until the March meeting which is normal procedure for a by-laws change. If you would like to review the changes before attending the March meeting you can do so at the

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community bulletin board at Berwyn Road and Rhode Island Avenue, or www.myberwyn.org.

At this month's board of directors meeting we discussed security cameras, the city's strategic plan and upcoming social events. Work continues on the association's security camera initiative. With many homes in Berwyn using private security cameras the idea is to network them together (with the owner's permission of course) for increased crime prevention efforts. There are many technical challenges to this project but we are fortunate to have two tech savvy and ambitious Berwyners working on this project. After discussing the project, I have no doubt that the program will be a success and Berwyn will once again be at the forefront in neighborhood improvement. The board decided to take a position on the FY12 Action Plan for the city's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. The association seeks to encourage city officials not to give up on the Berwyn Commercial District and work to resolve outstanding litigation that has been pending for over a decade. We also decided to hold an ice cream social in lieu of a potluck dinner for our spring event. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

The urban artists have made their mark on the Kidwell Building along the CSX Railroad. I have asked county police to come out to document and photograph the graffiti. When the weather warms up we will roll out the graffiti brigade for a paint-out party.

Two of our long time Berwyn News carriers Don Spicer and Sam Robinette are enjoying a well-deserved retirement from service. If you see Don or Sam, please thank them for their many years of service to the neighborhood. Are you looking for a way to help the community? Why not volunteer to take on a newsletter route? The work is easy and only takes about a half-hour or so 10 times a year.

See you at the March 17th meeting in the Four Seasons Room.

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS **Jack Perry - 301-345-7526**

Can that calendar be right? March 2011? Wow, how time flies.

College Park has no more Thirsty Turtle and a Barking Dog will take over the space in beautiful downtown College Park. On a closer note, the "Jungle" in the Campus Village Shopping Center is

undergoing some serious changes, ownership, menu, etc. So sad, most of my children worked there over the years. Lots of Prince George's County police had coffee and eats there also. On a citywide basis, your town has a bona fide debt. The debt service is approximately 500 thousand dollars a year to be paid off over years. This bond is to pay for the parking garage the City built in downtown.

There are always unexpected expenses that the City is surprised by. One recent expense is an appeal by the Washington Post for property taxes paid over the last three years on the plant on Greenbelt Road. Their appeal was accepted and College Park's share of the refund is 90 thousand dollars. You can do the math and come up with the amount Prince George's County must get off of.

Speed cameras. The General Assembly passed legislation that allows cameras to be utilized. The City has hired a vendor to install and maintain all of the City cameras. Permission was obtained from the State and the County for sites that were deemed to need enforcement. All were approved and the City started the program. The vendor does most of the work in the administration of the program. We know it works in lowering speeds. The vendor told us this when they made their initial presentation to the City. Our experience to date shows that is the case.

The City redistricting committee has received its charge from the Mayor and Council. The census figures are starting to come in. These changes are necessary for the one man, one vote principal to be followed. My thanks go out to the committee for the work they are about to undertake.

I continue to thank God for modern medicine. The support of my fellow Berwyners is amazing, thanks! We've told ourselves to slow down. With the new enforcement programs, officials will get in your pocket! See you on Thursday, March 17th. Keep your schedule open and come on down to your Civic Association meeting. Jack

COUNCILMAN'S VIEWS AND COMMENTS **Bob Catlin - 301-345-0742 or** **Catcprtc@aol.com**

Greetings neighbors. As we begin to experience spring weather, it is time for the City Manager and the City's elected officials to develop a budget for the City's fiscal year which begins July 1, 2011. The City Manager's proposed budget should be available online by early April and the City Council will review

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that budget on Saturday, April 9th and the following Saturday, too, if needed.

The Mayor and Council have prepared a draft FY2012 action plan for the City's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. The draft action plan is available at www.collegeparkmd.gov/special_reports.htm. The action plan will help guide our upcoming budget decisions.

Some of you may have noticed that construction work on the Enclave (Starview Plaza) was halted in mid-February. It should just be a temporary thing, until a new contractor is hired. Certainly any significant delay will jeopardize plans for the student apartments to be ready to rent in August.

A few weeks ago Berwyn suffered its largest fire in many decades. A large home on Potomac Avenue was a total loss. Thankfully the occupants were able to escape the fire without injury. Because of strong winds neighboring homes were also damaged by the fire, too. I don't believe a cause for the fire has been identified, yet. In late January, a home on Pierce Avenue in the Lakeland neighborhood was extensively damaged by a fireplace fire.

Beginning in about September the City began placing speed cameras at four locations in the City. The first location was on Paint Branch Parkway at the Trolley Trail, followed by Metzert Road (above St. Andrews) and Rhode Island (near Duvall Field). Most recently, a speed camera was located in the Lasick's lot to monitor southbound traffic on Route 1. The high volume of traffic there (about 30,000 cars a day) and the average speed of traffic there (about 45 mph) led to about 3,000 citations being issued a day, initially). After about three weeks the number of citations has decreased to just under 1,000 and the average speed has dropped by about 6 mph. Based on our experience at the other three locations, the number of citations issued should continue to decline to under 300 over the next few weeks.

This stretch of Route 1 has long had safety issues, which is why the State has set the speed limit at 30 mph here. Since I began on the Council we have had about 10 pedestrian fatalities from Town Hall north to the post office on Hollywood. With the coming opening of a lot of student housing on Route 1 the need to slow traffic down is now more important than ever, especially knowing that up until the last few years we had been averaging one pedestrian fatality a year on Route 1.

I hope to see you at the next BDCA meeting on Thursday, March 17th. Please take a moment to join the BDCA or renew your membership. Memberships have been trickling in this year, but we are not where we have been in past years.

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Family & Friends Tested Recipes is a new idea for our newsletter. If you want to share your favorite recipes just send an e-mail to mckgarnes@earthlink.net



Catfish Red Curry with Steamed Broccoli

by Peung

This is a fast and easy curry dish to make with ingredients that are easy to find. I made it for my friends and they really like it. For those who don't like catfish and broccoli, you can substitute catfish with other white fish such as Swai or Tilapia and choose any vegetable of your choice to go with it. You can buy coconut milk, red curry paste and fish sauce in most of major grocery stores. I usually buy mine from either Giant or Shoppers.

Ingredients:

- 1 lbs cat fish fillets, rinse and pat dry
- 1 cup coconut milk (not coconut juice)
- 2 tsp red curry paste, more if you like it
- 1TB veggie oil
- 2-3 tsp fish sauce to taste
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 nice broccoli head, section it into small florets.
- 3 red chili peppers—thinly sliced for decoration (optional)
- 2 lime leaves, finely slice for decoration (optional), Lime leaves are usually sold in Asian grocery store. I grow mine at home and I have it all year round. You can use chopped cilantro for garnishing the dish instead of lime leaves.

Methods:

Steam broccoli for 8-10 minutes in a steamer or sauce pan. Remove from heat and rinse with cold water. Place cooked broccoli around a shallow serving dish and leave the middle part of the dish for the curry.

For the curry:

Heat oil and red curry paste in a medium pan over medium heat.

Stir constantly about 2 minutes. Do not burn curry.

Add coconut milk, fish sauce and sugar. Let the liquid boil before adding the fish.

Add catfish fillet, cover and cook until the liquid thickens and the fish is well cooked. It should take less than 10 minutes

Place cooked fish in a prepared broccoli dish. Carefully drizzle all the curry sauce on top of the fish

Sprinkle the dish with red chili and sliced lime leaves.

Serve with white or brown rice

P.S. If you have any question regarding this recipe, call me on 301.474.6239.



Guest Column

Calling all Senior Citizens By Helen Long

Up the street in the Hartwick Building, you will find the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), an arm of the Department of Public Health at the University of Maryland. OLLI is an excellent opportunity for seniors 50+ years of age to remain active and involved and to meet other like-minded seniors. I know because I'm a member and have been for some time now.

OLLI programs explore literature, history, public policy, finance, science, art, dance, music, language, psychology, health and fitness, volunteer service, community engagement, and much more.

Membership is \$50 annually for unlimited classes and includes, among other things, free parking at the Hartwick Building, library privileges at the UMD, discounted tickets to the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts, discounted membership at the campus recreation and fitness center, etc. Individual classes are also available at a fee of \$5 for the one-hour sessions and \$10 for the two-hour sessions.

As members, we get a catalog at the beginning of each semester from which we can choose the classes, lectures, social events, tours, etc., of interest to us.

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There are always a wide variety of subjects and activities from which to choose. For instance, one of my choices this semester is a two-hour, weekly class on the workings and history of the Supreme Court. I'm looking forward to it.

Information on the extent of the program, beyond what I could possibly tell you here, is available on-line at www.sph.umd.edu/hlsa/osher/index.cfm. I am also available to share my experiences as a member (301-474-4683). Or, feel free to email me at hlong12447@aol.com.

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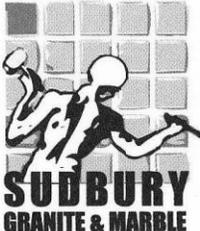
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Neighborhood Homes

Information Provided by
Jerry Anzulovic

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Properties Under Contract (Berwyn 18, Branchville 0)

5027 Berwyn Road, \$219,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
5031 Berwyn Road, \$191,900, 4 bedrooms, 2½baths.
4705 Greenbelt Road, \$249,900, Foreclosure, 6 bedrooms, 3 baths.
4805 Greenbelt Road, \$114,900, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath.
4810 Osage Street, \$287,500, 3 bedrooms 1½ baths.
4823 Osage Street, \$194,900, 5 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
8322 Potomac Avenue, \$190,000, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
8400 Potomac Avenue, \$369,900, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8521 Potomac Avenue, \$190,000, (\$194,500), 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
5016 Roanoke Place, \$110,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
5106 Roanoke Place, \$189,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4705 Tecumseh Street, Unit 302, \$109,900, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4707 Tecumseh Street, Unit 102, \$120,000, (\$110,000), 1 bedroom, 1 bath.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 104, \$95,000, (\$220,000), 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 202, \$119,900, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4720 Pontiac Street, \$399,900, 5 bedrooms, 3½ baths.
8306 48th Avenue, \$349,900, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8404 49th Avenue, \$250,000, 4 bedrooms, 1½ baths.

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

5057 Berwyn Road, \$199,000, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths.
5110 Berwyn Road, \$250,000, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4821 Osage Street, \$149,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4822 Osage Street, \$274,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8320 Potomac Avenue, \$319,000, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths.
8321 Potomac Avenue, \$349,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8411 Potomac Avenue, \$200,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath.
8524 Potomac Avenue, \$340, 001, 5 bedrooms, 1 baths.
5002 Roanoke Place, \$274,800, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths.
5102 Roanoke Place, \$278,000, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
4815 Ruatan Street, \$199,900, 4 bedrooms, 1 bath.
4709 Tecumseh Street, Unit 303, \$1,680, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths.
4914 Tecumseh Street, NEW HOME, \$359,900, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
8707 48th Avenue, 229,900, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
9004 48th Place, \$300,000, SHORT SALE, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8703 49th Avenue, \$330,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.
8711 50th Place, \$349,950, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths.