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Oktoberfest Bonfire 2007! Saturday, October 20 Berwyn Neighborhood Park, 5-9 pm

Come on out to our annual neighborhood bonfire!

We'll have cider, you bring snacks and the firewood! You can place brush, logs, and other wood products in the fire circle at the park.

Please do not drop off treated wood, painted wood, poison ivy, or other hazardous burnables. Keep all wood within the circle. For you all new to the neighborhood, this is a great way to get rid of tree trimmings and fallen branches on your property. It's been dry, but we're hoping for rain soon. Watch the BDCA message board for more details on the bonfire if conditions remain dry.

Get on a City Committee

District 2 (which includes Berwyn) needs a representative on College Park's Animal Welfare Committee. This new committee, formed in June, addresses issues related to domestic and wild animals; works with the City Animal Control

Officer to plan activities and initiatives to promote animal welfare; educates about responsible pet ownership, wildlife management, and pest control; advises the Mayor and Council on animal welfare related issues; and coordinates with animal welfare and rescue organizations. If you are interested in joining this committee, please get in touch with one of our city council representatives.

THE NEXT ISSUE of the will be distributed on the weekend of **November 9th**. The deadline for articles & ads is **November 5th**.

Send articles and ads to Bob Baca at cookwithbob@hotmail.com

Berwyn District Civic Association

Thursday, October 18, 2007
THIRD THURSDAY, 8-10 pm, Fealy Hall

1. Introductions
2. Discussion on Halloween safety and steps that Berwyn will take to prevent a repeat of the trouble we experienced last year. Kim Lugo, the Neighborhood Watch coordinator for the city, will help us during the discussion.
3. BDCA officer reports
4. Council member reports

BDCA 2007-2008 Officers

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Neighborhood Watch Director	<i>Gina Tomko</i>
Berwyn News Editor	<i>Bob Baca</i>

Halloween 2007

We had some problems last year and are taking proactive steps to prevent a repeat this year. There is no one correct way to address this (as clearly seen in the Neighborhood Watch emails), and the BDCA officers will facilitate a discussion of the issue at our regular 3rd Thursday meeting to help the community decide as a group how best to handle the situation. Come with your ideas and please be willing to volunteer a little time on Halloween night to help keep our neighborhood safe.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jerry Anzulovic, jvamgnca1@verizon.net

I hope everybody who wants to have a good old fashion "trick or treat" night this Halloween will come out on the 18th to the monthly membership meeting. After some unfortunate activities by some trick or treaters last year left a bad taste in the mouths of some fellow Berwyners, I hope we can come together and come up with some community guidelines for how the old neighborhood handles trick or treating this year.

In celebration of the neighborhood's oldest activity, the annual bonfire will be held on Saturday the 20th in Cherry Park, a.k.a. The Berwyn Neighborhood Playground. Bring all your burnable materials, except pressure treated wood, which has copper sulfate in it and is not a good thing to breathe in when burning. The more burnables, the bigger the fire. The pile will be set off about 5 o'clock or whenever the pyromaniacs among us decide when we have enough to burn, the guesstimate when the burning will be reduced to ember so that we can cook our hot dogs and marshmallows without being broiled, or whenever their secret urges to burn cannot be held in check anymore. You can bring your own drinks, of course, but the Association will provide the apple cider. You have to bring your own hot dogs and marshmallows and spear sticks. Let's all pray for a clear, cool, and especially a dry evening. Of course, the members of our own Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad will come by about 9 o'clock and wet down the embers. Hopefully, you gardening and flowering types will come by and gather up the ashes and add them to your growing plots. Come out and keep our oldest tradition alive and welcome in the fall and winter.

Need someone who lives in the Oasis Condominiums to deliver the Berwyn News in the condominium. Since it is a gated community, only a member has the key to get into the lobbies of the three buildings. Let me know at 301-474-2912 or jvamgnca1@verizon.net if you can help the Association out. We also have three other routes that need to be covered. They are all commercial routes. Being a carrier is a good way to get some walking exercise at least ten times a year and if you don't do what this writer does on his route, which is stop and talk along the way, you should be done within forty-five minutes. It is also a good way to stay informed about what is going on in the neighborhood.

Some of you have been asking about the welfare of the incarcerated "rebels" here at "Point Lookout Annex". Well the passage of time and age has claimed most of the prisoners and we are now down to Gypsy or Jipjip and Louie the Ugly. That is with a small "t", if you please, since he is descended from Saxon nobility. He maintains that there is not a drop of that hated Norman blood in his veins. They are holding up the Annex's time honored tradition of shouting "trash talk" to passing Yankee federals. They are good at resisting

reconstruction and sometimes I don't know if we wardens are in control or are the rebels.

See you at the bonfire and remember to watch out for "little ones". The "cheese buses" are out and about early and late each day and the little ones tend to dart out in traffic very quickly. Don't be the one to deny them the ability to travel beyond the stars.

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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 September 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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Stacey Baca for College Park District 2 City Council

Issues that I believe need strong support
& attention in our community:

- Education: increase quality and preparedness of students, thereby increasing stability of neighborhoods and support for vigorous property values;
- Public safety;
- Improving relations between the City and the University: working together we could be powerful allies on common issues; and
- Development: Route 1 corridor improvement is long overdue

A candidate with a wide range of experience:

Education Advisory Committee of College Park (Chair, November 2006-present, member, February 2006-present); **Lakeland Community Heritage Project** (Volunteer, September 2007- present); **Leadership Athens**, Athens, GA (Graduate, former member of Retreat and Program Committees); **League of Women Voters**, Athens, GA (former member); **American Association of University Women**, Athens, GA (past President, past Vice President of programs and Named Gift Honoree); **American Association of University Women**, State Chapter of Georgia (past Education Foundation Chair, and elected Vice President of Membership for term 2000-2002)

A graduate of Mary Washington College, Stacey has over 15 years experience in the services industry. Additionally, for over two and half years, Stacey recorded Congressional Hearings on Capitol Hill. Stacey is currently a stay-at-home mom, a self employed Associate Broker referral agent with Metro Referral, Inc., and a community volunteer.

I would like to hear from you on your ideas and concerns for our community:

Please contact me at
stacey@staceybaca.org
or call 301-614-3922

www.staceybaca.org

By authority of and paid for by STACEY BACA,
Candidate for College Park District 2 City Council

Who is Jack Perry? Candidate for City Council

Jack is currently on the City Council representing District 2 (currently the most senior member) and has lived in College Park for 38 years. He has six children and two grandchildren. The Perry family are active members of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Berwyn. Jack is a self-employed auto parts recycler.

Jack has served as:

- Mayor Pro Tem
- Various City Board Committees
- Past President of the College Park Boy's and Girl's Club
- The Prince George's County Civic Federation
- The Berwyn District Civic Association
- The Democratic Central Committee

Why is Jack Running?

- To protect his investment in College Park and work to assure that all City Services are applied equally to all residents, property owners, and businesses. To make sure that all decisions of the City Council do that!
- Jack does not have an 'agenda', does not have all the answers, but is willing to listen to all sides of the question.
- Jack is willing to give the time to assure that what is decided is discussed and decided economically for the taxpayers of the City.
- Jack believes that the University of Maryland, its students, faculty, and employees are an untapped resource in College Park...waiting to be tapped.

**Jack (John E. Perry) wants
your vote in the City
elections. Thank you!**

"SEND JACK BACK"

Vote at City Hall on November 6, 2007

Paid for by the Candidate, John E. Perry

COUNCILMAN VIEWS AND COMMENTS

Bob Catlin

301-345-0742 or Catcprtc@aol.com

Greetings neighbors. We are well into October and setting record high temperatures and waiting in vain for rain. City elections are November 6th and we have a contested election in our District 2 for the first time since 1999. So please come out on the 6th to City Hall and vote. Jack Perry and Stacey Baca have announced they are running for office, and I have recently announced my candidacy, too, for reelection to the City Council.

I haven't had too much response to the consultant's report to the City on policing options yet. The report is available on the City's web site in a PDF format at http://www.ci.college-park.md.us/special_reports.htm. The consultant's recommendation of enhanced policing through spending additional money to hire full time Prince George's County police officers has resulted in some conversations about various issues with Major Davis, the commander of the Hyattsville District, of which we are part. We had such contract officers for about four years in the mid 1990's and the City Council was not satisfied with the program and so it was not extended. I want to ensure that any future contract service would allow for our input and have procedures to correct any service deficiencies that may occur.

Development activities have slowed. Some new businesses have opened in downtown College Park and a couple of stores (Wawa and Potomac Video) have left or will be leaving soon. Up at IKEA, some of the Camden Apartments have been rented. Rents there are not cheap. A one-bedroom apartment rents for about \$1,600 a month, while two-bedrooms can rent for up to \$2,600 a month. More of the retail is now open, including restaurants such as Moe's and a Potbelly. A restaurant lease is being negotiated with an unknown party for an undeveloped pad site. Earlier negotiations with first a steak house and second a sports bar for the site were not successful. Twelve townhouse units at IKEA are under construction. These for-sale units are three stories with a roof top deck and feature garage parking with direct access from the garage to each unit.

I hope to see you at our October 18th meeting. I hope you can make our annual bonfire on October 20th at the park. Please vote on Tuesday, November 6th (City Hall from 11 am to 8 pm).

CITY COUNCIL MUSINGS

Jack Perry, 301-345-7526

They are back! Their late nite parties and parking proliferation is back in College Park. Headlines with their total lack of sense and personal safety have some council members and the mayor talking about raising

and spending more of our tax dollars for more 'police presence' in our town. With more cops there is no guarantee of a safer city. A bigger work force and its cost to be borne by the property owners in the city.

Development still consumes a lot of our time, then they withdraw the proposal, for unknown reasons. Executive sessions, meetings closed to the public, also eat into time. I agree with some of these meetings, others I attend. We are by law not allowed to vote in these meetings, so a "sense of the council" is given to the attorney or city manager as needed for them to proceed.

Our neighbor to the south, "Lakeland", petitioned for and received permit parking for the entire neighborhood from Rhode Island Avenue to the railroad. The area was becoming a "storage area" for long-term parkers. At the same time, attention was given to Rhode Island Avenue and Pierce Avenue to facilitate the turning of school busses and emergency vehicles.

Route #1 is still a zoo during the morning and evening rush. The state is saying "it's working on it", but we do not see any movement or improvement in the near term. I hope we don't have to have another spate of fatalities to impress on them how important this is to the community. Development is quickly taking off and the roadway improvements are going to quickly be out-paced by this development. Oh well.

Wawa in downtown has closed. There were tears and cheers. Another store with gasoline will open in Beltsville when the county councilman has squeezed all he can out of 'em. My opinion.

The city parking garage is moving along like the turtle and new issues keep popping up. I guess fast track only applies to other "developers", not cities in Prince George's County.

Our city is now the landlord of an empty schoolhouse, this is the millstone I spoke about in a previous issue – the Friends School has moved out. Now we enjoy the distinction of keeping it up. This is a timetable running and the next council will have to address this site and its future use.

We will be going to single stream recycling and the final trash truck has been ordered. We will be informed by Public Works on the particulars of this system. More of our neighbors who do not recycle paper may participate in the new program and reduce our overall dumping fees at the county landfill. The county, by the way, raised their "tipping fee" after we adopted our budget. We will have to find the money somewhere.

There are, as you should know, elections this year in College Park. If you are a registered voter, I urge you

to get out and vote. You should keep in mind that all elections are decided by a minority. In College Park, we have had ties and very close results in the past. Every vote counts. The student government at the UM has had a voter registration drive and hope to influence the outcome. With three of the four districts in the city having contested races, they could very well have an influence. If that is the will of the voters, so be it.

The police are enforcing stop signs throughout the city. So watch out and obey those signs. May God continue to bless our nation. See you on Thursday when we discuss Halloween.

- Jack

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.

BERWYN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH **Gina Tomko (GTomko@epe.org)**

We've got a very important issue to discuss at this month's BDCA meeting held on October 18 at 8 pm at Fealy Hall. There have been some great suggestions on the neighborhood watch site regarding solutions to last year's Halloween terror. Some of which included:

1. Making our presence more visible if we all sit in front of our homes, and not behind the doors. That way we can all lookout for one another, show a united front.
2. We can patrol major intersections, such as Potomac Ave., Patuxent Ave., and the bike path area. Two or three people here and there, with flashlights and walkie-talkies could make a huge difference. By using walkie-talkies we can coordinate our movements, and, maybe even escort the unwanted group(s) out.
3. Set a cut off time. Do we set a time limit and then cut the porch lights off to avoid an older crowd who may come through later?
4. Bright Neighborhood Watch vests. Are they a good idea after all? Will they only identify those who the troublemakers need to watch out for?

These are just a few of the ideas that have been keeping the neighborhood watch site a buzz. Please come out to the BDCA meeting and voice your concerns or opinion. We really need to come up with a working plan that is realistic for us all. It'll take more than a handful of people to make a difference.

Another hot topic raised by students in the neighborhood, has been to hold a safety forum. I've been in touch with Major Kevin Davis regarding this and he has asked that I hold off in planning anything just yet. He is planning an event that will educate ALL (students and residents). Stay tuned for more details...

There are now new rules regarding graffiti in the park/playground area:

To those who might not know, the new benches installed in the playground are made of recycled plastic, not wood. MNCPPC has a solvent that they can use to remove graffiti from these if that happens to occur. This would go for the benches on the bike path as well and I think for the picnic tables too.

If you see graffiti, please report it to the Northern Area maintenance at 301-918-4700 or you can email your report to public.affairs@pgparks.com and they will get it to the right people. Please "graffiti brigade", DO NOT PAINT over anything on these benches. That will make an unsightly patchwork of colors on our new benches and tables when it is easily removed and they can look new again!

If you see someone in the act of vandalizing the equipment, call Park Police emergency number 301-459-3232.

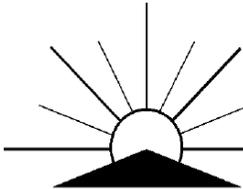
It took us several years to get this new playground, let's try to keep it nice for as long as possible! Thank you for your attention.

--Rachel Saladino

To join neighborhood watch, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/berwyn_neighborhood_watch/ and click on "join this group."

Hope to see you out at the Oct. 18th BDCA meeting at Fealy Hall at 8 pm.

--Gina



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Information Provided by
Jerry Anzulovic
of Bright and Associates

Properties Sold or Rented (Berwyn 2, Branchville 0)

5047 Berwyn Road, \$1500 (\$2000) per month, Andrew Hung Choi Lowe, Absentee owner since 05/11/1990.

4817 Osage Street, \$400,000, (\$419,000), Justin Whitehead, Owner occupant, SS \$0, DOM 80, SA Kookie Catevenis, gcatevenis@cbmove.com, SB Coldwell Banker, Annapolis, MD, 21401, 410-224-2200.

Properties under Contract (Berwyn 11, Branchville 1)

4816 Berwyn Road, \$515,000, Timothy & Rebecca Aldridge, Owner occupants since 07/02/2003.

5053 Berwyn Road, \$347,000, Damjan Jevtic, Absentee owner since 02/24/2005.

4705 Greenbelt Road, \$449,000, William & Ellen Roberts, Absentee owners since 06/22/2006.

4907 Quebec Street, \$415,000, Joshua & Valerie Durrant, Owner occupants since 07/30/2002.

8708 Rhode Island Avenue, \$425,000, Frances Darling, Owner occupant since 08/20/1970

4718 Ruatan Street, \$375,000, Jarred & Sue Hester, Owner occupants since 03/02/2005.

4702 Tecumseh Street, \$499,000, Ellen Roberts, Absentee owner since 11/08/2005.

4705 Tecumseh Street, #202, \$264,900, Stephen Tennant, Absentee owner since 06/17/2005.

4707 Tecumseh Street, #304, \$259,900, Stephen Tennant, Absentee owner since 06/17/2005.

4709 Tecumseh Street, #104, \$267,000, Stephen Tennant, Absentee owner since 06/17/2005.

8414 48th Avenue, \$140,000, (Building lot), 10,000 sf, 48th Ave Conservation Trust, Owner since 06/18/2004.

9002 48th Place, \$360,000, Lori & Kevin Taylor, Absentee owners since 08/19/2005.

Properties for Sale or Rent (Berwyn 12, Branchville 1)

4703 Berwyn Road, \$1,500,000, Quality Enterprises, Absentee owners since 06/28/2001

8306 Potomac Avenue, \$399,000, Donald Kirsch, Absentee owner since 10/27/1992.

***8400 Potomac Avenue**, \$369,900, Scott Roberts, Absentee owner since 11/23/1998.

8403 Potomac Avenue, \$407,000, Deborah Vanadia-Mims, Owner occupant since 12/12/1997.

8514 Potomac Avenue, \$424,900, Rudolph Schwartz, Absentee owner since 08/05/2003.

8520 Potomac Avenue, \$375,000, Robert & Stephen Ford, Owner occupants since 10/01/2004.

5000 Quebec Street, \$415,000, Richard Fahey, Owner occupant since 06/05/1991.

5007 Quebec Street, \$349,900, Russell Dickerson, Owner occupant since 03/24/1988.

5009 Quebec Street, \$398,500, Robert & Linda Brown, Owner occupants since 03/09/2005.

5004 Roanoke Place, \$430,000, Jose & Aurelia Cruz, Owner occupant since 02/17/2006.

4914 Tecumseh Street, \$149,000, (Building lot), 9228 sf, Ilhame Sefiani, Owner since 02/11/2004.

8901 48th Avenue, \$375,000, Ana Anguilar & Jose Zavala, Absentee owners since 09/29/2005.

8702 49th Avenue, \$1295/month, Karyn Keating-Volke, Absentee owner since 10/19/2005.

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* means a change in offered price, LA means living area only (NOT the basement or lower level).

Visit the Berwyn online MESSAGE BOARD!

Post your questions, items for sale, announcements, and more at www.myberwyn.org.

Click "BDCA Message Board" at the top-center of the page and post your message.

Your Ad Here!

Have a business in the neighborhood, a home-based business, or some other ad that you need people to see? The *Berwyn News* has great rates for ads and over 500 copies are delivered throughout the Berwyn neighborhood each month (and is also available online). See page 2 for details and get your ad in the November newsletter.

Have something to share with your neighbors?

We're interested in your neighborhood stories, photos, opinions, and community interest items. Send them to the editor at cookwithbob@hotmail.com and we'll try to get the in the next issue of the *Berwyn News*. (Are you the neighbor with the idea for a community garden? Send me your thoughts and I'll share them with all of Berwyn.)

Don't forget to VOTE on November 6!

This is the last newsletter before the city elections, and we have a contested race in Berwyn. Be sure to go vote at City Hall on November 6. Polls are open 11 am to 8 pm.