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Letter from The President

Neighbors and Friends

I am closing in on my final year as your President. I was elected as a Trustee in 2000 shortly after my family and I moved to Berwick.

During my tenure as BCA President, I have worked with great people and have watched many projects from start to finish, such as the issues of streetlights, then storm sewer, water lines, College Park Apartments, Village of Bexley and Creekside. Again working with many dedicated former and current Trustees all of which I wish to thank for their time and wisdom: Murray, Don, Al, Gregg, Michael, Matt, Bernice, Jennifer, Vivian, William, Wanda, Doug, Jeff, Kim, Shirley, Gage, Tony, Rhonda, Jim, Robert, and a special thank you to Richard.

To the present BCA Trustees you serve your community with dedication and a commitment to knowing that you keep Berwick one of the top 10 neighborhoods in Columbus. Only the best neighborhoods, such as ours, happen when people like you take ownership in where they live. My final year will be spent working with you through the current projects we have on the table to completion and developing a stronger relationship with our new community school Berwick Alternative School K thru 8.

Now to you, the community, Berwick is the best place in Columbus to live and I truly believe it is that way because you care.

During my time as your President, I have been confronted with many challenges, not all of them easy to find answers to, but I have and will continue to give it my best. I will challenge you to JUST DO SOMETHING to help with some of the challenges. If you have not attended a meeting or helped with a litter clean-up, you should. Attending meetings and helping to solve your issues

or we can guide you in the right direction to getting them solved. Volunteer and join the BCA Trustees and other community residents for a litter clean-up. It's easy to complain but it's rewarding to know you've made a difference.

The Annual Community meeting will be held November 10th at Berwick School and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. serving pizza and drinks prior to the meeting which will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be a sign up for the Berwick Block Watch and Neighborhood Clean-up for 2010.

Please remember you've been challenged to "JUST DO SOMETHING" and help keep Berwick the community we are all proud to live in.

The Prez
Bruce T. Black
btblack@columbus.gov

BCA ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2009

BERWICK ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

SIGN IN: 6:30 PM



Blockwatch

Berwick Blockwatch Partners with Christ the King Church

Lloyd Clark, Berwick Blockwatch Chairman, recently met with Deacon Peter Labita, of Christ the King Church. Deacon "Pete" as he is known expressed interest in an active partnership with the Berwick community. We discussed common interests and goals that we share in preventing and mitigating crime, especially around the Northern boundaries of Berwick. Mr. Clark also suggested that we work to create a "community spirit" by jointly participating in community-wide activities such as a Health Fair via Mount Carmel East Hospital. Another activity suggested was organized teams of blockwatch team "walks" which allow us to mobilize in reporting suspicious activities and at the same time making it an activity that we can enjoy for those who like to walk. Mr. Clark also suggested that

we get more youth involved and encourage their ideas in promoting community spirit and mitigating and/or preventing crime *before* it occurs (proactive) in Berwick. Deacon Pete will also speak to Mr. Craig Eilerman, Pastor, and Mr. Tim Madred, Administrator, of Christ the King, to solicit their concerns and ideas as well.

One of the challenges that we have in Berwick is encouraging both active participation in the Berwick Civic Association and Blockwatch. We have sponsored guest speakers from the Columbus Police Department, Neighborhood Pride, various City of Columbus officials and provided Blockwatch training sessions which included a "Street Smart" Drug Awareness Seminar, in order to better inform, train and encourage our community in developing a strong sense of pride in where we live. Our goal is to have the more active participation and encourage our members to attend meetings. The BCA has now designed and developed a website (soon to be

released) that we encourage for open discussions for paid members and provides an effective means of communicating and disseminating important and information effecting our neighborhood. This is a big achievement and I want to thank my fellow Trustee Board member, Matt Lowry, for his role in developing this Website.

The Holidays are upon us and criminals know this. We need your **HELP**. I look forward to seeing all of you and listening to your ideas suggestions and active participation as we move forward. We also would like to thank Deborah Points and Gelsilica Walker for their expertise and support to our Berwick Blockwatch program.

Berwick Membership News

Thank you to all of the Berwick's 2009 members and to current and upcoming 2010 Berwick members. Berwick Civic Association Board continues to work very hard to make sure we continue to portray our community is the highest quality possible. We are committed to keeping you; our neighbors informed by way of newsletters, e-mail notices, website (www.614berwick.com), phone (614-berwick, 614-237-9425), by keeping our neighborhood free of debris with neighborhood cleanups, by bringing our neighbors together to fight crime by way of "Blockwatch" and hosting the "National Night Out," beautifying our community by planting flowers, lighting

our neighborhood and painting of the bridges. We know these are hard economic times but we must, as a community, be able to keep up with these times and need your support.

- Residential dues are \$20 per year per household
- Business dues are \$65 per year (if you are a current BCA member and entitle you to four (4) business card ads newsletter.
- Business dues are \$85 per year (if you are not a current member) and entitles you to membership and four (4) business card ads in the newsletter.

Please complete the Membership Application and make your check/money order payable to:

Berwick Civic Association Membership
P O Box 09022
Columbus, OH 43209

Again, thanks to each and every household, all 1600 plus in the Berwick area, for making our neighborhood a place where we are proud to live and call home. And please, if you haven't taken the opportunity to be one of the committed paid household members, please do so today.

Angie Black, Chair

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Beautification

Fall Neighborhood Litter Clean-Up A
Success and Call for Volunteers
For Spring

The Berwick Neighborhood Association held our fall neighborhood litter clean up on Saturday, September 19th. This event focused on cleaning up litter and trash found along the major streets in our neighborhood. Over 18 trash bags of litter were collected by Berwick volunteers. The majority of the litter found in our neighborhood continues to be fast food wrappers and waste.

A few reminders:

- Cardboard or plastic advertisement signs for houses, mattresses, animals, etc that are hung on utility poles or street signs are litter and are not permitted in Columbus and Berwick. If you see an illegal sign posted in our neighborhood, please take it down. Temporary signs for yard sales or open houses are the exception, but the sign must be put up and taken down on the day the yard sale or open house takes place.
- As winter sets in and we stop mowing our yards, litter has a tendency to build up in the neighborhood. Please take the time to clean up any litter that may be found in front of your house or on your block. Keeping Berwick free of litter is a daily chore that requires all of us to take the extra step to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful.

The Berwick Neighborhood Association will conduct a neighborhood litter clean up again this spring. We need additional Berwick residents to volunteer for this event! While we collected a lot of litter at the last clean up, we were unable to reach large sections of our neighborhood due to limited volunteers. Please continue to check the Berwick Web site and newsletter for more information, dates and times for the spring clean up. We would also like to thank Keep Columbus Beautiful, a department of the City of Columbus, for providing the clean up supplies and removing the collected trash. Keep Columbus Beautiful continues to provide an exception service for litter clean up efforts.

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2000		2005
2001		2006
2002		2007
2003		2008
		years in a row

The Signs of Fall—Leaves In Our Yards

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler, which means the fall leaf clean up has begun in Berwick. The neighborhood's beautiful old trees add charm and shade that cannot be matched in any new neighborhood. With these trees though, comes the need to clean up the leaves each fall. As a reminder, at this time the City of Columbus is not operating a curbside yard waste service. Berwick residents have two options to remove leaves and yard waste from their yards:

Sign up for Rumpke's weekly yard waste pick up. The fee is \$49.50 for yard waste removal from October 2009 to April 2010. Please visit Rumpke's Web site for more information: <http://www.rumpkerecycling.com/residential/municipalities/columbus.aspx>.

- Drop yard waste off at designated locations. This service is free and drop off locations can be found on the City of Columbus's Web site: <http://refuse.ci.columbus.oh.us/yardwaste.htm>.

As a reminder, DO NOT pile your leaves in the street. Leaves in the street will NOT be collected by the City of Columbus. Leaves left in the street:

- Clogs our storm sewers, resulting in increased water bills due to additional sewer maintenance and flooded basements due to sewer backups, results in a neglected looking neighborhood, disrespects your neighbors and is unfriendly since leaves piled in the street will eventually blow into your neighbor's yards.

We look forward to seeing our neighbors as we all roll up our sleeves and pick up leaves!

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BERWICK CALENDAR

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- November 10** Annual Meeting—6:30 PM
Berwick Alternative School
- December** No Meeting
- January 5** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- February 2** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- March 2** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran
- April 6** BCA Meeting at 7:30 PM
Lower Level-Redeemer Lutheran

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From Berwick's Kitchen

Shrimp Fettuccine

1 1/2 cups prepared Hidden Valley Ranch
(use Original salad dressing)
1/4 cup sour cream
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 pound fettuccine, cooked and drained,
1/2 pound cooked shrimp, shelled and de-
veined
1/2 cup cooked peas. Garnish with additional
Parmesan cheese.

In a small bowl, combine salad dressing, sour
cream and cheese. In a large bowl, toss fettuc-
cine with dressing mixture, shrimp and pea.
Divide equally among 4 plates. Sprinkle with
additional Parmesan cheese, if desired. Serves
4 to 6.

Corn Chowder

2 slices bacon
1 medium onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, sliced
4 teaspoons all-purpose flour
3 cups milk
1 cup water
1 package (10oz) sweet corn
1 chicken bouillon cube
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup Minute Rice
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Cook bacon in large saucepan until crisp. Re-
move bacon: drain on absorbent paper towel.
Crumble and set aside. Cook and stir onion
and celery in bacon drippings until tender: stir
in flour. Add milk, water corn, bouillon cube,
salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Reduce heat:
simmer 5 minutes. Stir in rice, bacon and pars-
ley. Cover; remove from heat. Let stand 5 min-
utes. Makes 6 servings.

Contributed by Gelsilica Walker

Community Concerns

Same O, Same O. Being a good steward of your home includes
being conscientious about your property, your neighbors and
our neighborhood. What follows are reminders for some and a
primer for first-timers.

Cutting your grass, raking your leaves, and shoveling your
snow means not blowing, pushing, and throwing your grass
clippings, leaves, and snow into the street and the rain gutter.
The reason – it violates the aesthetic of our neighborhood, City
ordinance and the spirit of Franklin County's "**We All Live
Downstream**" public education campaign.

We are enjoying outstanding recycling participation in our
neighborhood. (yup, here comes...) BUT – it really isn't help-
ing the recycling cause if you are putting **trash** in the recycling
containers. And you are depriving many other residents who
are participating conscientiously from doing so, because you
won't flatten your cans and plastic bottles, refuse to break your
boxes down flat, and insist on loading the recycling dumpsters
from the front. So far this year, I have climbed in four times to
remove and break down your boxes. At our last meeting, I
enlisted additional help from other Trustees in the pursuit of
securing additional dumpsters for us. I am withdrawing that
request after my visit tonight to the recycling dumpster.

AGAIN – large boxes with nothing in them, not broken down,
dumped at the front of the dumpster, with LOTS of loose trash
blowing out of the open lid. So its full to the next person (me),
but can take at least ten additional household loads of recycling
when considering the volume of empty space under the full size
boxes. How do I know you ask? Because, I climbed up again,
removed the *unbroken down boxes*, threw a phone book and a
soup can to the back – **they both went all the way to the bot-
tom!** I was able to empty two full 32-gal trash cans.

My dog, your dog, our dogs. Your cat, my cat, our cats.
Poop, barking, marking, hunting, vet bills. Control your animal.
Enforcement is handled by: CPD – noise complaints, non-
emergency 645-4545. The prosecutor's number is 645-7483.
Inadequate shelter would be a humane issue concerning ne-
glect. The Capital Area Humane Society has the authority to
investigate that situation. Their number is 777-7387 extension
250. Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control
would get involved if you ever see dogs improperly confined or
at large. They have 24 hour service, 7 days a week. Their num-
ber is 462-3400. Shouts out to David Shellhouse, Field Super-
visor, Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control
for the preceding definitive information above!

Ta-Ta for now, Phyllis.

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Questions & Answers

What is the difference between a cold and the flu?

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar flu-like symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.

How can you tell the difference between a cold and the flu?

Because colds and flu share many symptoms, it can be difficult (or even impossible) to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Special tests that usually must be done within the first few days of illness can be carried out, when needed to tell if a person has the flu.

What are the symptoms of the flu versus the symptoms of a cold?

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The following link found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov>) has been sent by dodrosky@att.net.

CDC - Seasonal Influenza (Flu) - Q & A: Cold Versus Flu

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/coldflu.htm>

NOTE: We received several articles on the H1N1 (Swine Flu). We thank those who submitted them.

However, with information changing on a daily basis, and the importance of this threat, we chose to refer to the CDC for information. Any information in our newsletter or on the website, will come from the CDC website or publications.

BCA proudly announces extensive web site redesign

A completely redesigned BCA website is now online at www.614Berwick.com, providing a new avenue for residents and community members to connect with and participate in the Berwick Civic Association. Along with news, neighborhood information, and meeting announcements, 614Berwick.com will serve as a complete community information portal for residents of Berwick. Upcoming content includes an online membership application, block watch information, electronic newsletters, neighborhood history and interactive map, and a moderated forum for participating members. The site has been designed over the last few months by our trustee/webmaster Matt Mowry of Tudor Rd. To cover the costs associated with registering and hosting the site, Mr. Mowry has secured grant-funded web hosting and mail services on behalf of the BCA from DreamHost.com. Have a suggestion, or content to contribute to the site? Please send it to info@614berwick.com along with your contact information.

You can pay your dues for 2010 at the

Berwick Civic Association

Annual Meeting

November 10, 2009 at 6:30 PM

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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Columbus, OH 43209
www.614berwick.com
Phone: (614) 237-9425**

RESIDENTIAL DUES: \$20 PER YEAR

- YES, MY HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE MEMBER OF THE BCA. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED DUES OF \$20 FOR ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP.
- OUR HOUSEHOLD WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TOWARDS THE EFFORTS BY THE BCA. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED \$_____.

**BUSINESS DUES: \$65 PER YEAR (RESIDENT)
\$85 PER YEAR (NOT A RESIDENT)**
(Four advertisements in newsletter. All advertisements are subject to BCA approval)

- YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE BCA EFFORTS AND ADVERTISE IN THE BCA NEWSLETTER. PLEASE FIND MY DONATION OF: \$_____ AND MY BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS I WISH PLACE IN THE NEWSLETTER.
- MY BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TOWARDS THE EFFORTS OF THE BCA. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED \$_____.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER? – Please be sure to fill in your contact info.

- YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE BCA.
- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| _____ BLOCKWATCH | _____ NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION |
| _____ COMMUNITY CLEAN UP | _____ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE |
| _____ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT | _____ OTHER OPPORTUNITIES |

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR UPDATES, ETC.? Please be sure to fill in your contact info.

YES, I WOULD LIKE COMMUNITY UPDATES VIA E-MAIL.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!