



**HOA NEWSLETTER**  
**January 2011**  
**Volume 1 Issue 4**

**HOA OFFICERS:**

**Board of Directors**

**President - Darlean Ray**  
301 574-1087

Tonya Anderson  
Craig Jones  
Keisha Stiney  
Yvonne Taylor

**ARC**

**Chair. - Maria Anderson**  
Valorie McNair- Landscape  
Vernon Stinnent  
Brigitte Tenor  
Renee Height

**Bylaw Committee**

**Chair. - Drew Knight**  
Debra Crawford  
Vincent Lyles  
Ronald Ricks

**Finance Committee**

Leisa Deleon  
James Johnson  
Loretta Neal

**Neighborhood Watch**

**Chair. - Renee Height**  
Connie Connor  
William Neal  
Kenneth Ray

**Youth Coordinators**

**Yvonne Taylor - Chair.**  
**Rose Johnson - Chair.**  
Gloria Brown  
Kenneth Ray  
Latonya Tucker

**Scholarship Committee**

**Leisa Deleon - Chair**  
Tonya Anderson  
Shirley Barboza  
Netta Nichols  
Tonia Reynolds-Pope

**Website Administrator**

Mario Barboza

**BH Welcome Team**

Mr. and Mrs. Barboza



**President's Corner**

Last year the theme for the year was "A Family Affair" it was indicative of how the community has come together to create more of a family oriented atmosphere as it relates to neighbor to neighbor connections. This year the theme will be "Keeps Getting Better with Time", because this community continues to get better with time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow board members for their continuous support, Finance Committee, and the ARC for doing their part as it relates to their specific duties. The President of an HOA cannot be successful without the type of support I have been given during my tenure.

Last but not least I wish to thank the entire community for making this the third year of total compliance as it relates to the yearly assessment and resolution of complaints without use of attorney intervention. This allowed us to provide additional amenities this year to our various events. The Game Bus, Clown, and Kool Kidz ice for Community Day, Youth Christmas parties for two different age groups, and an open bar for the Adult Christmas party, this was our way of saying "Thank You" and using the money normally spent for attorney fees on the community.

We are putting our heads together and looking forward to further advancing the unity within our community because I know it will "Keep Getting Better with Time."

**Darlean Thomas Ray**



**Accomplishments**

We continue to experience dynamic changes in the community where everyone is reaping the benefits of working together. The Board is happy to report the following:

- HOA Best Practices in place
- All accounts with Nagle and Zaller have been settled
- Proud to announce 100% compliance in due payments for 2008, 2009, and 2010
- Collected 118 Toys for the DSS Make a Wish Share program
- Brock Hills Cares adopted 3 families for the Christmas Season
- Awarded the second Brock Hills Scholarship
- Re-write and synchronization of all governing documents have been completed and ready for ratification in 2011.



### **Bylaw Update**

Re-writes have been completed for all governing documents. Community review is currently in progress. Bylaw meeting to be held in the near future to vote on the governing documents; and we will then proceed to them ratified.



### **Neighborhood Watch**

We are again happy to report no break-ins have been reported; however, there have been rim thefts in the area of Old Largo Road. This is a reminder that we must continue to be aware of our surroundings and the surroundings of our neighbors. Keep all security measures in tact, watch surroundings, set alarms when away and when home set it to stay, etc.,

Though it has been relatively quiet we will want to keep the Neighborhood Watch efforts in place. No one has officially stepped up to take the present Chairperson of Neighborhood Watch, Mrs. Renee Height's place and she had indicated she would keep the position in lieu of a replacement in spite of her tight schedule. A meeting will be held to discuss the needs as it relates to Neighborhood Watch.



### **Architectural Committee**

The Architectural Committee (ARC) successfully addressed and closed 10 complaints in 2011 without the need for attorney intervention. Community relations have proven to be a successful means for resolving the issues that have arisen in the last 3 years. This is indicative of a community that is willing to work with the ARC to be compliant and respect the concerns of their neighbors. The ARC would like to thank you in advance for being compliant upon request. Below are just a few reminders:

- Please check covenants before submitting ARC form. Changes have been made to the covenants but they have not been legitimized to date, so if you have questions feel free to email the Maria Anderson at [glamco@aol.com](mailto:glamco@aol.com) .
- Submit all architectural requests on the ARC form with a permit (if required by the county)
- The Committee has 30 days to respond; however, they are proud to announce the turn around time has been within 24 to 72 hours for most requests.

### **Finance Committee Update**



The Finance Committee is now in the process of preparing the end of year financial report. Once the report has been compiled a copy will be sent to each household for review. We will plan a Budget Review meeting for the early part of February (you will get at least two weeks notice) at which time the assessment for 2011 will be proposed and once voted upon accepted. Assessment will be due sometime in March (actual date will be determined after meeting), this also allows everyone to rebound from their Christmas expenses ☺ Please make plans to attend this meeting. Proxy voting will be permitted on all items on the table in need of majority vote.

**Trash Collection Schedule**

**Tuesdays and Fridays!**



Please secure your trash when placing it outside to prevent dogs and other animals from tearing the bags, which can create a messy situation. Please keep your trashcan in your garage or otherwise hidden from view as they can contribute to blowing litter problems and are eyesores to many in the community.

**Lawn Debris Collection Schedule**

**Wednesdays!**



Please place bags of lawn debris out the night before or day of collection to prevent unsightly situations.

**Courtesies/Tidbits**

**Pet Owner’s Corner**



**Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times** when outside the owner’s home, which complies with PG’s pet ordinance. For the benefit of the entire community, please be sure to be a good neighbor and a responsible pet owner by limiting excess noises made by your pet (barking), and by making sure you **clean-up after your pet. When walking your pet within the community, please pick-up waste immediately.**

**Department of Environmental Resources,  
Animal Management Division**

Provides a variety of services for citizens of Prince George's County to include:

Citizen’s can call (301) 499-8300 to register the following complaints:

- Stray dogs and cats, Animal Control will send an agent out to pick up the animal.
- Leash Law violations - If you have a neighbor who does not utilize a leash and you report that individual to Animal Control, Animal Control will send an agent out to discuss the leash law with the neighbor.
- A resident can report the address of a citizen who does not remove excrement of a dog or cat from public or private property to Animal Control. An Animal Control Representative will be dispatched to the home of the citizen to discuss the law.

**The County will issue violations to citizens.**

**New Neighbor?**



Please bring new neighbors to the attention of the Board so they can be properly welcomed into the community and necessary adjustments can be made to databases.

**Moving or Leasing?**

Contacting the Board would be greatly appreciated when renting your home or planning a move. Providing rental information, as well as information on an upcoming move, enables us to keep our records current and avoids returned mail.

**Dumpster Dates- Mark your Calendars**

We have pre-scheduled Dumpster dates with the County and they are as follows:

**May 14-17, 2011 (Spring)  
Oct. 14-17, 2011 (Fall)**

We will get two 3-ton dumpsters. You will be reminded as the dates approach.

**Email Addresses – Join Us Online!**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**"A COMMUNITY THAT CARES!"**

**Brock Hills Cares 2010**



Look what you did Brock Hills! We wish to thank you all for your generosity and making this happen. Your efforts allowed us to bless 118 children with brand new toys, fed 3 families, and provided the special wish list for those 3 families! The looks on those faces show the appreciation. We want to acknowledge Ian Brown and Kenneth Ray who aren't pictured; however, also played a part in the delivery process. Specials thanks to Robin Daniels for coordinating and taking on the role of Chairperson.



**Community**



This year's community Trick or Treat was a blast! Many more participated and even a few adults dressed for the occasion. We wish to thank the entire community for once again filling our youth's bags with goodies.

**Youth Christmas Parties 2010**



We wish to thank parents for allowing your youth to attend this year's youth Christmas parties. Both age groups had a great time and the adults enjoyed watching them have a great time.

**Adult Christmas Party 2010**



The community was once again treated to a catered Christmas Party at the FOP w\open bar. Over 90 residents were in attendance and most indicated they had a blast and felt it ended too soon. Whether to host a Christmas Party in 2011 will be one of the items up for a vote at the Budget Review meeting.

**Community Day 2010**



This year's community day was held at Watkins Park. We all had a great time with over 100 participants. The participation continues to grow and we are looking forward to Community Day 2011. Many have suggested that Watkins Park becomes the designated site to host the Community day event; therefore we will be booking our location early as they fill quickly. Seeking Community Day committee for 2011.

**ENDEAVORS FOR 2011**

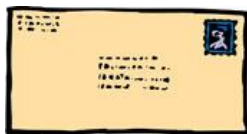
**PET CONTROL COMMITTEE:**

Brigitte Tenor with the assistance of Craig and Kolaleh Jones will be forming a committee to focus on the pets within the community. Once they have completed their agenda it will be provided to the community. We hope this committee will help to resolve and\or eliminate some of the problems with pet control within the community and also provide ownership identity as it relates to each pet.

**COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET 2011** - Some people reported making up to \$500 the last time it was hosted so save those marketable items.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL - HOSTED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**RECOGNITION CORNER**



**Contact Us:**

Brock Hills, HOA  
P. O. Box 1541  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

PHONE:  
(301) 574-1087

E-MAIL:  
[Darlean64@msn.com](mailto:Darlean64@msn.com)  
(Implementing an official mailbox for HOA President)

**We're on the Web!**

See us at:  
[www.brockhills.com](http://www.brockhills.com)  
Under Redevelopment



**Essay Winner**

Tamyia Anderson, daughter of Mike and Tonya Anderson (Floyd Street) won 2nd runner up in the Reginald Lewis/Ford Motor Company essay contest. Her winnings include a reception with the President of the Teacher Association on MLK day January 11, 2011, a \$500 savings bond towards college and a certificate. This was a nationwide contest with thousands of participants. Kudos for Tamyia!!!!



**Essay Winner**

Mia Ray daughter of Kenneth and Darlean Ray (Gilbert Street) was a first place essay winner for the Regina Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The contest consisted of youth from grades K-8, and they were impressed with Mia's writing ability which ranked higher than some 8<sup>th</sup> grade entries. Mia won a \$100 award towards Uniforms or School Supplies. Mia also participated in a 5K walk for Education on behalf of the Regina Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Kudos for Mia!!!!



**Neighbor of the Year Award**

Chance Pinkney son of Felice Pinkney (Eton Dr.) will receive this years Neighbor of the Year Award. Chance participated in this year's Community Trick or Treat on behalf of a youth in the community who due to physical limitations was unable to participate. Imagine a 6 year old handing over 100's of pieces of candy to another youth? Chance your sacrifice makes you a WINNER!!!!

**Word from Scholarship Recipient – Van Crawford, Jr.**

Receiving the Brock Hills Scholarship in June was an amazing accomplishment for me. Just the fact of knowing that the community where I grew up was willing to invest in me; was a great incentive to do well during my tenure at Hampton University. All of my life, I was aware of how hard it was to fund college expenses, but it was not until I was actually attended that I realized the amount of funds and support that is needed to succeed in college. I would like to thank the Brock Hills Community for the financial assistance because with the sky-rocketing cost of college tuitions around the country, any and every donation is very much needed and appreciated.

I would also like to encourage any High School students that are aspiring to pursue higher learning to take advantage of every opportunity you can to help pay for your education. If you are blessed enough to go to college, or some form of higher learning, be mindful of all the sacrifices and the provisions that probably had to be made for you to get there so you should work hard to make them proud! Thanks again Brock Hills and please continue to pray for me as I endeavor to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to make a positive impact in our society.

-Van Crawford, Jr.  
Hampton University