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# BAYBERRY news

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2024 OFFICER ELECTIONS

#### **February**

An Election Committee will be appointed by the President to oversee the election process. A call for nominees shall be published via Association Media including the February Newsletter.

#### **March**

Nominees shall be called for at the March Board of Directors meeting and a second call for nominees shall be published via Association Media including the March newsletter.

#### **April**

Nominees for all officer positions will be announced by the Election Committee and any additional nominations accepted from the floor at the April Board of Directors Meeting. Nominees will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves and should be given the opportunity to submit a short introduction for publication in Association Media. Two ballots listing the finalized slate of officer candidates shall be published in the April Newsletter. Members shall be advised of their option to mail in their sealed ballot to the Association P.O. Box or submit it at the May meeting via a designee rather than attending in person. The list of candidates shall also be publicized via Association media.

#### **May**

Balloting: All ballots must be submitted prior to the close of voting at the May meeting. Blank ballots shall be available at the meeting. The president shall announce the close of voting whereupon no further ballots will be accepted. All ballots will now be tallied by the members of the Election Committee. The Secretary shall announce the results of the balloting once the tally is complete. The newly elected Officers shall assume their duties on July 1st.



### NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sunday, January 7  
at 7:00 p.m.  
United Church of Christ  
215 Blackberry Road

*Meetings open to all  
residents!*

## DUES REMINDER

The new fiscal year has begun.

Please submit BCA member dues. If you are not sure your household has paid dues, please contact Kyle Adams, BCA Treasurer at [kradamspt@hotmail.com](mailto:kradamspt@hotmail.com) or 315-807-8160.

Dues information is on page 2.

*More info on meetings and events will be posted on our website, Facebook page, Nextdoor, and Twitter as the dates draw near.*

[bayberrycommunity.org](http://bayberrycommunity.org)

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[facebook.com/bayberrycommunity.org](https://facebook.com/bayberrycommunity.org)

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR \$10 ANNUAL DUES

For the successful preservation of the Bayberry Community Association, it is essential that all households within the boundaries of the association pay their dues. Many ask what the dues pay for and what each individual household receives for their \$10 annual dues.

The social aspects of the association shine through many times per year at the Halloween party/parade, Santa visit, cookie drive for local first responders, summer picnic, the occasional ice cream social, holiday decorating contest, and the occasional tree lighting. The association also includes the close monitoring of the Liverpool School District and the Town of Clay Town Board. The BCA has been and will continue to be a voice for the community at these two important entities. Meet the Candidates night is another important event for the community, sponsored by the BCA, to meet and ask questions of political candidates who make the decisions that affect our daily lives. All of these events are funded by our dues.

It is important for the BCA to collect dues from as many households as possible to maintain our operations which include our monthly meetings, now held in person, for any resident to attend to see the workings of the BCA and suggest new events, procedures, and ideas. Along with meetings, BCA dues also allow for the continuation of our monthly newsletter, The BCA News, now available online for easy access to everyone. Our website, <https://bayberrycommunity.org/>, is another dues funded entity that is important for our association and for the community at large.

The annual Spring/Earth Day Cleanup event is a great way to see the workings of the BCA also. This event benefits our whole community by cleaning up our section of the community, placing emphasis on our duty to give back and make our community a great place to live.

The BCA scholarship, awarded annually to a volunteer oriented high school senior who lives in the association neighborhoods, is another way the BCA gives back to the community. For a high school senior going on the college or trade school this scholarship is a great way to help out.

To see a list of other events & operational costs visit: <https://bayberrycommunity.org/2018/bca-membership-dues-and-what-they-pay-for/>.

To keep our wonderful association going, please pay your dues, get involved and if you would like to learn more, reach out and/or come to a meeting.

You can pay with a check made out to the BCA and mailed to our PO Box: Bayberry Community Association, P.O. box 2184, Liverpool, NY 13089, or online through PayPal at <https://bayberrycommunity.org/>.

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## HOW TO PAY YOUR 2023/2024 DUES

There are two convenient ways to pay the annual dues of \$10 via PayPal through [www.bayberrycommunity.org](http://www.bayberrycommunity.org) or use the form below and mail a check to the BCA Post Office box. Donations can also be made to the Bayberry Scholarship fund using these same two methods. The BCA will continue to serve the community with information and events as allowed and thank you for helping with the success of the Bayberry Community Association.



BCA Area \_\_\_\_\_ (If you know it)

Member/Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Family Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Dues Amount Paid \$10.00      ( ) Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: BCA**

**Mail to:            Bayberry Community Association Inc.  
                         P.O. Box 2184  
                         Liverpool, NY 13089**

# RECENT EVENTS

## MCFD and NOVA Cookie deliveries

BCA President Jordan Curtis delivered cookies to Moyers Corners Fire Department (MCFD) and Northern Onondaga Volunteer Ambulance (NOVA). Thank you to all who made donations. Donations were significantly down this year. For BCA to continue recognizing emergency services, please consider donating next season.

## Santa's Drive-thru

Santa made his way through Bayberry. Thank you to MCFD and all the volunteers, especially Santa!



## Holiday Decorating Contest

1st place (\$25 prize) went to 203 Riverdale Road. Runners up (\$10 prize each) were, in no particular order, 4018 Bel Harbour Drive, 12 Huckleberry Lane, 18 Quail Path, 7742 Deerfield Road, and 28 Lorraine Crescent. Thank you to the volunteer judges. See images below of 1st place:



# 2023-24 BCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Each spring, the BCA gives back to the community by awarding a scholarship to a deserving student who currently lives in one of the association's member communities. The main criteria for the scholarship is based on community service and volunteerism by the applicant.

Please remember, the applicant's parent or guardian must reside in a Bayberry Community and be a paid member of the Bayberry Community Association for the current membership year (2023/2024). Dues must be paid by March 31, 2024. You can send your dues to PO Box 2184, Liverpool, NY 13089 or pay via Paypal at the link on our website.

To download the application, go to <https://bayberrycommunity.org/2023/2024-bca-scholarship-application/>. Applications must be received by MAY 1, 2024.

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## SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Please see most recent edition of the *School Bell*.

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## TOWN AFFAIRS

January 8 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting cancelled (no agenda items). The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2024. The Town of Clay wants input from residents to help in their land use study. Please take the survey until January 15, 2024.

<https://townofclay.org/notices/town-clay-invites-residents-participate-community-planning-surveys-and-explore-interactive>

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## TOWN OF CLAY LEGAL NOTICES

Please check the Town of Clay website (<http://townofclay.org/government/legal-notices>) for upcoming public hearings. Residents are welcome at all meetings to voice any concerns or questions.

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## GRANTS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS

See below information (pages 5 and 6) on matching homeowner grants for climate ready improvements.

# Prepare Your Home to Better Weather Future Storms

You can't control the weather, but you can prevent costly weather-related damage to your home.



## NYS Resilient Retrofits

### Apply for a 1% Loan and get a Matching Grant

New York State homeowners may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in a 50/50 loan/grant\* program to undertake flood mitigation measures and other climate-ready improvements to their homes, including energy upgrades.

Energy upgrades like hot water tanks and solar panels qualify for this program!

For more information and to download an application: [homehq.org/nys-resilient-retrofits](http://homehq.org/nys-resilient-retrofits)



\*Matching grants are considered deferred loans through the term of the loan and are forgiven once the terms of the loan are satisfied



# Program Details And Eligibility

- Up to \$50,000 in a combination low-interest loan with matching grant for flood mitigation and energy efficiency and electrification improvements (main structure of the home only)
- Loans are at a 1% simple interest rate and are payable over 5-10 years
- Grant portion, of up to \$25,000, is considered a deferred loan through the term of the loan and forgiven once the terms of the loan are satisfied
- Homes located in Extreme Risk Areas, Floodways and Coastal Erosion Zones are not eligible to participate
- Homeowners choose their own properly insured and certified contractor(s)
- Household income must be at or below 120% of HUD median income
- No minimum credit score required
- Primary residences only
- Owner-occupied, 1-4 unit buildings allowed
- Homeowner must undertake a flood mitigation measure as part of the overall home improvement.

## What Kind Of Projects Could Qualify?

Syracuse MSA Household Income Limits 120% AMI	
FAMILY SIZE	HOUSEHOLD INCOME MAX
1 Person	\$78,480
2 People	\$89,640
3 People	\$100,800
4 People	\$111,960
5 People	\$120,960

## Flood Mitigation Measures

To take advantage of this loan, homeowners need to undertake one flood mitigation item as part of the overall project.

- Elevate Electrical Equipment
- Use Flood Resistant Materials
- Install Flood Vents, Sump Pump or Heat Pump
- Add a Backwater Valve and More!

**QUESTIONS? Call 1-833-DRY-WARM or email [info@homehq.org](mailto:info@homehq.org)**

The New York State Resilient Retrofits 50/50 Loan/Grant Program was created and funded through New York State Homes and Community Renewal to help homeowners preserve their homes in response to climate change. New York State homeowners are facing increasing challenges to home preservation and climate-readiness due to extreme weather events like flooding. The NYS Resilient Retrofits (Floodproofing) 50/50 Loan/Grant Program offers an affordable and accessible program for homeowners to better weather the next wave of climate change.

Home HeadQuarters is a non-profit housing and community development organization and certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that has provided equitable lending, development and homeownership programs to New York residents for more than 25 years. Based in Syracuse, New York, Home HeadQuarters is working with community partners like the Community Development of Long Island (CDLI) to deliver the NYS Resilient Retrofits 50/50 Loan/Grant Program to New York State homeowners.



## SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Who's ready for a tasty, cool treat? Located at 7567 Oswego Road, Chuckleberries is one of CNY's first self-serve frozen yogurts shops! 18 different flavors of frozen yogurts, sherbets, and sorbets with over 40 different toppings including fresh fruit, candies, sprinkles, nuts, granola, and many other sundae toppings. Grab a cup, fill it up, weigh and pay!

**ChuckleBerries**   
Self-Serve Yogurt And More!



**Would you like to become a BCA Sponsor and reach over 1500 homes and businesses?  
Email us at [BCAexecboard@gmail.com](mailto:BCAexecboard@gmail.com) to learn more.**

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Virtual welcome packets have been finalized and sent to new residents requesting them. Thanks to all who participated in revising the packets. If you are new to Bayberry, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at [bayberrynews@gmail.com](mailto:bayberrynews@gmail.com) for a Welcome Packet.

## ROAD SAFETY

Cold weather has arrived. Check that vehicles are ready. This is a good time to check and change tires if needed. Have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Good items to have in a kit include extra water, a blanket, reflective signals, sand/cat litter to assist with traction, a small shovel, etc.

## TOWN OF CLAY WINTER STREET PARKING BAN

No on-street parking overnight until April 1, 2024. This allows plows to keep roads clear of snow.



## OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Position:	Name:	Phone #	Position:	Name:	Phone #
President	Jordan Curtis	315-395-0852	School Affairs	Mary Eidt	315- 652-8610
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2nd Vice President	Mary Eidt	315- 652-8610	Communications Coord.	Kristine Davoli	718-249-7256
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