



BCAnews

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Neighborhood Watch

'We are the eyes and ears'

Lock your doors, secure your windows and know your neighbors. Onondaga County Neighborhood Watch volunteer Russ Mitchell named these and other effective ways to promote safety and prevent crime in Bayberry at the April BCA monthly meeting. To keep safe at home, residents are advised to not only use the locks on all door knobs, but also a dead bolt if you have one. Make sure all windows and doors (including those located on the sides and back of the house, as well as in the garage) are secure. Because sliding glass doors can be easily popped off track, it is recommended to install bolts above the door so it can't be pushed up and out. It is also recommended to record a male voice on your home answering machine, particularly if you are a woman living alone. Another crime deterrent is to leave a large dog dish outside the door.

Other tips include:

- Know your neighbors. And if you're planning to be away for any length of time, let a trusted neighbor know.
- House numbers should be clearly visible from the street for emergency vehicles. In the evenings, keep the number well lit by turning on your porch lights.
- Always lock your vehicles.
- Do not allow solicitors inside your home. Remember, solicitors must have a Town of Clay permit to go door-to-door. Don't be afraid to ask to see it.
- If you feel uneasy about solicitors and/or someone who seems suspicious, call 911 and let them know it's a non-emergency. The dispatcher will direct your call.
- Keep check on your elderly neighbors, make sure they're safe and help out if they need you.

Additionally, the Sheriff's website (sheriff.ongov.net) has a link that shows crime reports, including the type of crime, what area, and what time of day it was committed. You should report even minor incidents because it helps them track activity in our area.

- There have been a lot of phone scams recently. Don't answer the phone if you don't recognize the number. Let the call go through to voicemail and if the caller really wants to speak with you, they will leave a message.
- Check your financials often to make sure there are no fraudulent charges.
- We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, so if you see something, report it. Call 911 and they will direct you to the non-emergency line.

Snow sculpture winner

Despite the unusually warm winter, we did have a few feet of snow this season and our neighbors enjoyed playing in the winter wonderland. Congratulations to our snow sculpting contest winners at 12 Huckleberry Lane!

Visit bayberrycommunity.org to see the winning photo. Thank you to everyone who participated...we hope you had fun!

NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sun., May 7
at 7 p.m.

United Church of Christ
215 Blackberry Road

*Meetings open to all
residents!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Day Cleanup
Saturday, April 22

For info and sign up,
call at 652-6145 or email
rbstella@gmail.com.

Don't Forget to Vote!
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*More info on meetings and events
will be posted on our website,
Facebook page, and Nextdoor as
the dates draw near.*

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bayberrycommunity.nextdoor.com

President's Corner

Engage yourself with the BCA!

The calendar and Mother Nature are truly in sync and spring is FINALLY here! Every spring there is the hope of new beginnings as the residents of Bayberry shake off the winter cobwebs and get outside to enjoy outdoor activities, landscaping, winter clean up and summer fun! Each year the BCA goes through a similar type of transformation—the election of its officers, in some cases, changing them. Bayberry has approximately 1,500 homes and nearly 10 percent of the population of the town of Clay. Unfortunately, there is only a handful of residents who actively participate in the procedures of making the Bayberry Community Association run smoothly.

Two years ago a “Going Out Of Business” headline was posted on the BCA News which brought out nearly 80 residents to keep the BCA running for all of the great events that are sponsored by the Association. Well, it's that time again—we need some help for 2017-18 to continue to provide activities for Bayberry's residents and families. The BCA has the ability to put on events and looking for new events to provide its residents; however, these cannot happen without people helping out. Helping out is certainly not a time-consuming commitment, but without volunteers there will be no activities. So bring a positive attitude and a “can do” spirit to the next BCA residents' meeting. You may also give me a call or email michaelsbanks1@gmail.com and help out YOUR community! Thank you in advance for helping out! Bayberry—A Great Place To Live!

Mike Banks

Town affairs

March 20 Town Board

Town board members are considering the application for a zone change on the northeast corner of Route 31 and Morgan Road for a Fastrac convenience store and an eight pump gas station. Applicant is also proposing drive thru service. They intend a right in/right out only from Route 31 and full access from Morgan Road. Several residents spoke against citing existing traffic problems, the number of gas stations already on Route 31 and the desire to keep Euclid

a hamlet.

April 3 Town Board

Zone change request for the corner of Route 31 and Lawton Road (across from the post office) to allow an Express Mart, gas station, convenience store and car wash. Homes are adjacent to this property. Quality of life and property value are among the many arguments against this proposed zone change.

Check the town website, townofclay.org for the latest on these and other issues.

School affairs

- The VEX Robotics Team has qualified for the World Championships, to be held April 19 – 22 in Louisville, Kentucky. The team won many awards for their ability to create robots at the state meet, qualifying them for worlds.
- The budget vote for both the 2017–18 school budget and school board candidates, will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16 at the high school. More information on the budget can be found on the district website.

- If you missed the forum on equitable funding held in March at the North Syracuse Junior High, you can watch it online and download the information that was shared at that presentation. Visit the district website for the links.

Vote new bylaws in May

The new, up-to-date version of our bylaws will be voted on at the May meeting (May 7). Review changes at www.tinyurl.com/bcabylawupdates. Areas that have been changed have a line through the text, followed by the proposed wording in red. Areas of note or with significant changes are as follows: Article 3 Section 2, Articles 4, 5, 7, 8, and 11, Appendix B and C. If you have any questions, please contact us at bcaexecboard@gmail.com.

BCA Garage Sale

Looking to sell your unwanted items? In search of a hidden treasure? Well look no further...it's time for another BCA garage sale! Our community-wide Spring Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain or shine! We will post a list of participating homes on our website and social media pages the weekend prior to the event. Want your listing included? Email your street address and a short description to bayberrynews@gmail.com no later than Friday, May 12.

Rabies clinic

5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4 at Clay Highway Garage, 4483 Route 31. Keep pets on a leash or in a carrier and keep them close to you. Bring your pet's past rabies shot records.

TOC events

Gooseberry Trash & Treasure Fair
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29 on the lawn of the Clay Town Hall. Free parking and free admission.

Project: Green

Town of Clay Community Gardens Project: Green is now booking plots for the 2017 growing season (10 x 10 plots, seed ready).

For more info on either event, call 315-652-3800 ext 137 or email cclancy@townofclay.org

Happy Anniversary to the BCA! By June Baycura, Bayberry historian

60 years of neighbors working together for the good of the community

Snovers basement on Elderberry in May 1957 was the setting for a small group of new residents who got together because (according to a letter sent to residents in 1959 about the BCA) "it was felt by its founders that their civil rights needed protecting and desires presented." By June, they had drawn up by-laws and the meeting moved to Colburnes garage; a busy meeting presided over by Pres. Bulling. Cora Love was elected secretary in charge of round robin baby-sitting. Mrs. Snover was to set up a day nursery in the basement of her hoe for pre-schoolers. Mrs. Zabin volunteered to arrange a social party for all residents. Big on the "to-do" list — Phil Fisher

informed the members of the job ahead to gain approval for the proposed school site land purchase to be voted on June 25. Al Larmen volunteered to direct efforts to inform people in the school district of the issue and get a large turnout for the vote to get the school located in Bayberry. Carl Battoe was appointed to contact the Bayberry contractors to provide a turn-off lane parallel to Route 47 for easy access to the main entrance during heavy traffic time.

We wish we had room to include everything they accomplished that first year (there were only about 50 families). We get a good idea of the commitment these people

had toward building the kind of community they wanted from the June 1958 minutes: Pres. Larman announced appointments to permanent committees — traffic, education, social, special children's activities, welcoming, and civil affairs. There were 34 persons appointed. Civil affairs (now Town affairs) alone had 14 members to deal with the state, county and town governments. Today's residents are truly indebted to those volunteers of yesterday who worked diligently and tirelessly on behalf of their community. They worked for a wholesome, attractive, safe, friendly place in which to live and raise a family. Can any of us today do any less!

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Position:	Name:	Phone #	Position:	Name:	Phone #
President	Mike Banks	315-652-2657	Town Affairs	Mike Banks	315-652-2657
1st VP	Nicole Farino	315-622-0326	Historian	June Baycura	315-652-6971
2nd VP	Tim Scott	315-652-9405	Comm. Coordinator	Kristine Davoli	315-409-4241
Secretary	Marge Sebastian	315-622-3866	Newsletter Editor	Tami Scott	315-652-9405
Treasurer	Judy McVity	315-652-6093	Newsletter Distribution	Debbie Countryman	315-652-5309
Rep at Large	Bob Stella	315-652-6145	Welcome Chair	Laura Oberlander	315-430-7072
School Affairs	Mary Eidt	315- 652-8610			

BCA BALLOT FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2017-2018

Two adult BCA members of each home (paid members) are eligible to vote. Two ballots are provided here. Ballots are not transferable. They will be counted at the May 7, 2017 BCA meeting. Please circle the candidate of your choice or write in a nominee, clip & place in a sealed envelope with your return address to verify membership. Please drop off or deliver to the May meeting. Ballots can be collected by your area representative or mailed to BCA, P.O. Box 2184, Liverpool, NY 13089 no later than April 30, 2017. The following persons have been nominated for office for the BCA Executive Board:

President: **Tim Scott** 1st Vice President: **open** 2nd Vice President: **open**
 Secretary: **Marge Sebastian** Treasurer: **open**

..... Cut and return to BCA Meeting or mail to address above

BALLOT 1: Circle one or write in new candidate

PRESIDENT Tim Scott	1ST VP	2ND VP	SECRETARY Marge Sebastian	TREASURER
Write In: PRESIDENT	1ST VP	2ND VP	SECRETARY	TREASURER
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BALLOT 2: Circle one or write in new candidate

PRESIDENT Tim Scott	1ST VP	2ND VP	SECRETARY Marge Sebastian	TREASURER
Write In: PRESIDENT	1ST VP	2ND VP	SECRETARY	TREASURER
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BCA Sponsors

<p>United Church of Christ “Centered in Christ, Welcoming All God’s People” Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am office@uccbayberry.org UCC Nursery School nurseryschool@uccbayberry.org</p>	 <p>315-451-0105 7545 Morgan Road edgefcu.org</p>	<p>Antonio's PIZZA, PASTA & WINGS Located in Bayberry Plaza \$9.99 Large Cheese Pizza Pickup Only All Day Every Day! (315) 622-0045</p>	 <p>Residential Friendly Dumpsters 750-4150 Office 715-5176 Cell</p>
<p>Michael C. Graham and Son Construction Call Tony Angotti (your BCA neighbor) for a FREE Estimate 457-ROOF (7663)</p>	<p>Branch's Driving School, Inc. <i>Get Your License To Drive Freedom To Go Wherever, Whenever</i> <i>Celebrating 50 Years in 2013</i> 478-2446 www.drivewithbranchs.com</p>	<p>All Types of PRINTING Since 1949 SIGNS & BANNERS BUSINESS CARDS & FORMS RUBBER STAMPS PROMO ITEMS ~ Invitations COPY + FAX TICKETS The PHOENIX PRESS 594 Main St. (Route 57) Phoenix, NY 13135 phoenixpress@cnymail.com 315-695-4711 WWW.PHOENIXPRESSONLINE.COM</p>	<p>A AFFORDABLE McLaughlin & Kehoe Insurance Agency Bring in your current policy for a Free review and Save! Great Rates & Local Service 437-2821 www.amkagency.com Info@amkagency.com</p>
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<p>ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Biblical Teaching Traditional Worship 7831 Morgan Road Sunday 10:00am www.stmaryscny.com</p>	<p>Printed Tee Shirts Sweatshirts (Embroidery Too!) Fast and Easy! EmbroidMe <small>7567 Oswego Road (Rte 57)</small> SyracuseShirts.com 409-0002</p>	<p>am AVENDIM MEDIA Creative Graphic & Web Design Solutions www.avendim.com 315-623-0003</p>	<p>Pamela R Sebastian, ABR, GRI, SRS <i>Licensed Real Estate Salesperson</i>  Liverpool Office Let's Talk About Your Home! (315) 727-9749 or 622-2111 x180</p>
<p>Bayberry HAIRSTYLISTS Located in Bayberry Plaza Mon-Fri 8:00am-7:30pm Saturday 8:00am-3:30pm bayberryhairstylists.com Find us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter</p>		<p>Become a BCA Sponsor! Our newsletter reaches over 1500 homes and businesses. For more details, email us at BCAexecboard@gmail.com.</p>	<p>APEX LAWN CARE LOCAL • RELIABLE • PROFESSIONAL Mowing Landscaping & More! <small>FREE Estimates Fully Insured</small> Call and ask how we can meet all your seasonal needs! Call, text or email today 315-877-3895 Ask for John Apexlawncare1@yahoo.com YOUR LOCAL LAWN CARE LEADER</p>