

# BCAnews

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

### **President's corner**

# Bayberry — it's kind of a big deal!

Hey we live in Bayberry and we're kind of a big deal! I received a phone call on Feb. 21 from the office of one of the most prominent and powerful senators in the United States — and he wanted to address Central New York from Bayberry!

Sen. Chuck Schumer wanted to hold a press conference in Bayberry to promote his stance against proposed Federal Tax reform which would impact New York state, the second highest taxed state in the US. We didn't let him down!

I want to thank June Baycura and the other residents who were able to assemble for this presser on very short notice — less than 20 hours — and meeting with Sen. Schumer and expressing their opinions.

Sen Schumer's office didn't just happen to pick my name out of the blue to contact about its press release, it did so because we are one of the few homeowner associations in the area and longest running — starting our 61st year.

The BCA is a volunteer based organization and operates from the efforts of some its residents who enjoy the quality of life Bayberry offers. Some of our current volunteers are stepping down and we are looking for a few to get more involved with the community — there are positions available that only take a few hours a month, with summers off, that need to be filled.

Please contact me at michaelsbanks1@ gmail.com or 315-652-2657 to discuss becoming involved with the organization and maybe someday you will be the one getting that call from a US Senator!

Mike Banks

### NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sun., April 2 at 7 p.m. United Church of Christ 215 Blackberry Road

Meetings open to all residents!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

BCA Officer Nominations Sunday, April 2

Earth Day Cleanup Saturday, April 22 See page 3 for details

Spring Garage Sale Saturday, May 20

# **Schumer's visit to Bayberry**

It was late afternoon, Tuesday, Feb. 21, when Bayberry Historian June Baycura learned that U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer was crossing the state with an important message for taxpayers, and along with his local staff, would be in her driveway the next morning.

In preparation for the visit, some surveillance was noted in the neighborhood that evening. At 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, two from Capitol Security arrived. Sen. Schumer was on time at 11:45 a.m. and greeted everyone, taking time to speak to each person. He noted that he had grown up in a neighborhood like Bayberry.

His message concerned proposals from the Secretary of the Treasury and Republican members of Congress to cut back or eliminate See page 2

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# **Vote on new bylaws at May meeting**

Our 2nd VP and Rep at Large have reviewed our current BCA bylaws and drafted a new, up-to-date version for the community's consideration. The new bylaws will be voted on at the May meeting (5/7/17). You can review the changes at the following link: 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. (Please note that the revised draft is a work in progress and is subject to change.)

Please review the document in advance and feel free to send your suggestions or concerns to bcaexecboard@gmail.com before the April 2 meeting.

## **Town affairs**

The Town Affairs Committee is looking for several volunteers to help attend meetings throughout the month. The more volunteers we have, the less meetings you would need to attend as the responsibilites would be split. Town and Zoning boards typically meet on Mondays and the planning board usually meets on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Mike Banks at 652-2657.

### **School affairs**

- "Shrek the Musical" will be performed on March 30, 31, and April 1 at Liverpool High School. Tickets for all performances go on sale March 10.
- There is now a link on the school district website with meeting minutes, bus routes, articles, and other information concerning the modified school start study.
   The link is http://www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/parents/modified-school-start-time.

### **Call for officer candidates**

Any residents interested in becoming officers or serving on the Officer Nomination Committee should contact the BCA at bcaexecboard@gmail.com. BCA officer nominations will take place at the April 2 meeting.

### **Ouote of the Month**

**L**I didn't fail the test, I just found 100 ways to do it wrong. **JJ** — Benjamin Franklin

### Schumer from page 1

popular tax deductions such as state and local property taxes, federal mortgage interest deductions. He detailed this area of concern.

The senator then welcomed comments and questions. Of particular interest was the future of Medicare and Social Security. "Will President Trump keep his promise to leave them alone?" That question couldn't be answered. Among

# **Snow sculptures**

There's still time to make one for our annual contest! March is the month when we sometimes get the most snow all season! But if not, feel free to submit sculptures you made in the earlier winter months. Send in a photo of your family's artistic creation to bayberrynews@ gmail.com and compete for some great prizes from the BCA — deadline for submission is March 31. Good luck!

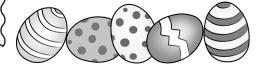
# **Easter Egg Hunt**

Children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt throughout the Great Northern Mall in return for some treats and prizes and a special appearance by the Clay Bunny.

This event will begin at 9 a.m. (sharp!) on Saturday, April 15. Participants should enter by the mall food court at 8:45 a.m. Staff will greet you with the information and get you started on your hunt.

Pre-registration is required for the annual Town of Clay Recreation Department Easter Egg Hunt by calling 315-652-3800 ext. 139 or by emailing recreation@townofclay.org.

You must be a town of Clay resident for this free event for boys and girls ages 10 and under. Registration is limited, so please remember to register immediately!



those present from Bayberry were BCA Rep. Ass't Mike O'Hara and former representatives Joyce Ciritto and Rudy, Vito Angerson and Nan, and resident Dick Niver. After an hour, the senator left for Utica.

The meeting was covered by all local media and The New Yorker Magazine.

# **Earth Day Litter Clean-up**

The Bayberry Community Association in conjunction with OCRRA and Onondaga County will again conduct its annual Bayberry Earth Day Litter Clean-up. Residents, their families, Scout troops and high school students in need of volunteer hours are welcome to participate. Event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 22, rain or shine. We will meet in the Bayberry Plaza parking lot. The clean-up includes the Bayberry green areas, front and

rear entrance areas and sections of John Glenn Blvd. In addition, the BCA has the cleanup responsibility for Route 57 from John Glenn to Maryland Lane as part of the County Adopt-a-Highway program. Dress for the weather — gloves and boots if necessary. Plastic bags and OCRRA stickers will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For info and sign up, call Bob Stella at 652-6145 or email rbstella@gmail.com.

# Scholarship applications now available

At the end of the 2016-17 school year, the BCA will award a scholarship to two graduating high school students who reside in Bayberry for their service to the community. Along with gracious donations from residents, Edge FCU has contributed to this award (which is now the Bayberry Community Association/Edge FCU Scholarship) helping us to grant two scholarships to deserving students in the amount of \$500 each. Dues must have been paid by the student's parent or guardian by Dec. 31, 2016. The application for the 2017 scholarship is now available.

Please download the application from http://www.bayberrycommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Scholarship2017.pdf for important information on eligibility. Applications are due by April 15.

# **Got box tops?**

Please help Elmcrest elementary school earn some cash! Clip box tops from products you have in your pantry and send them to or drop them off to box top mom, Debbie Magaro-Dolan at 207 Riverdale Road. For questions or to arrange for

pick up, email Debbie at dmd26@ verizon.net . If your child attends



Elmcrest Elementary send them in with him or her.

# **Broken tree branches**

With all the recent high winds quite a few tree branches and limbs have broken away from trees but have yet to drop to the group. There are quite a few that are hanging over wires and over some streets. If you have tree branches that are close or limbs that are close to falling on overhead wires, please contact National Grid at 800-642-4272 so one of its crews can come out and remove the branches or limbs before a power outage occurs.

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