

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

President's Corner

Keeping Bayberry a great place to live requires you

've been a Bayberry resident for about seven years now; my wife has lived here almost her whole life. We received our BCA welcome packet shortly after we moved in and I was pleased to be part of an actual community rather than a random house on a street somewhere. A couple years ago the BCA put out an SOS that it would disband barring more involvement. Myself and a number of other residents stepped up to help out.

When I first joined up as 2nd VP I had very little idea of what the BCA was. I now know it's a small group of volunteers, many with jobs, kids, grandkids, and other involvements, who care enough about their community to want to make it better. Depending on our particular interests and talents we all help out in different ways. I am an organizer and facilitator so I work on structuring the organization to be more efficient and effective. Kristine is a graphic designer so she does our media stuff. Bob is methodical and a workhorse so he does a lot of the behind the scenes work with area reps and dues rosters. Mike knows everybody everywhere so he advocates for us. Judy is a bundle of energy and good with people so she recruits new volunteers. My wife, Tami, is a writer so she works with Kristine on the newsletter. You get my point. It's about everyone finding their little niche and lending a hand.

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Opportunities to help out

Volunteers are needed to distribute monthly newsletters to the following areas: Area H (20 homes) on Blueberry Road and Kumquat Lane; Area Y (41 homes) on Arden Crest Road, Beling Court and McIntosh Street; Area L ((41 homes) on Meadow River Drive and River Park Drive; Area G ((52 homes) on Limetree Lane, Mango Lane and Blueberry Road. Other open volunteer positions include treasurer, volunteer coordinator, area rep coordinator and Home Improvement Fair committee members. Interested? Email bcaexecboard@gmail.com.

The new school year has begun

Watch for school buses and children boarding!



A huge thank you ...

Thank you to the volunteers that gave their time and energy beautifying the community by planting flowers this past spring. We appreciate you!

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Joe and Joyce McMullen
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Chad and Rachael Casey
Joan Doyle
Bob Stella

NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sunday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. United Church of Christ 215 Blackberry Road

Meetings open to all residents!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Halloween
Party at the Plaza
Oct. 28

NEW SPONSORS:

Our latest newsletter sponsors are Gwen's Helping Hands and House Calls Handyman Service. Thank you for your support!

More info on meetings and events will be posted on our website

will be posted on our website,
Facebook page, Nextdoor, and
Twitter as the dates draw near.

bayberrycommunity.org

Welcome, Neighbors!

Three families recently became our Bayberry neighbors! Theresa Ludlow and Edward Buchanan moved here from West Monroe. They enjoy golfing, camping, traveling, hunting, and fishing. Janice Richardson and her kids to moved to Bayberry, too. Janice is employed with the North Syracuse School District as a teacher. She enjoys scrapbooking and journaling. Chris and Katie Bittel come from the Lyncourt/East Syracuse area. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Harper, and they enjoy outdoor activities and kids activities! Welcome to the neighborhood!

Halloween Party at the Plaza set for Oct. 28

This year's BCA Halloween Party at the Plaza will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Bayberry Shopping Plaza near the Bayberry Post Office. All BCA resident children are welcome to the plaza for trick-or-treating and refreshments. Meet at the post office to sign in. Enjoy trick-or-treating throughout the plaza, then join your neighbors for refreshments sponsored by the BCA. If you have questions or would like to help with this fun event, contact event chairperson Debbie Countryman via email at deleeco@aol.com or by phone at 652-5309.

2017-18 BCA Scholarship application is now available

We will award a \$500 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 (2017/18). Dues must be paid by Dec. 31, 2017. 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, visit our website or go to www.tinyurl.com/bcascholarship.

Bayberry Garden Club has been formed!

Join the newly created Bayberry Garden Club and get to know other gardeners in the community! Aside from just sitting and jabbering about our plants, which we love to do, we already have a bunch of workshops we are planning to attend together at a local nursery. We also intend to get involved with the planned community garden at UCC which is coming in this spring, promote gardening with community events, and lots of other stuff. If you are interested, email me (Tim Scott) at tim.scott3@gmail.com or call me on my cell 315-530-7124. We also have a group on https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/bayberryny--liverpool--ny/ and you can sign up for text alerts by texting @bayberrygc to 81010.

Dues are due

The BCA is in the process of collecting the 2017-18 membership dues. These dues, still only \$5, are the major source of income for the BCA to operate and assures the continued support offered to the residents of Bayberry. Your yearly dues help fund activities and events that include Earth Day cleanup, garage sales, entrance flower planting and maintenance, Car Seat Safety Check, summer picnic, Halloween Party at the Plaza, Santa visits, etc.

Options for payment (be sure to include your name and address) are as follows:

- Give your dues to your Area Rep
- Bring your dues to a monthly meetings
- Mail to P.O. Box 2184, L'pool, NY 13089
- Pay with PayPal on our website at bayberrycommunity.org (Look for Annual Dues on the right side of the Home page)

If you have already paid your 2017-18 dues, thank you! If you have any questions, please email us at bcaexecboard@gmail.com or contact your Area Representative.

Town of Clay codes and safety

There has been an influx of social media discussion regarding the condition of properties, neighborhoods and behavior. If you have an issue with a neighbor's property, animals or other issues—take a minute and discuss it with them. If it is a matter of law, call the sheriff's department. If this doesn't work, anyone can file a complaint of code enforcement violations by going to the town offices and filling out a form or going to the town of Clay website (townofclay.org/planning/complaints) and filling out a form electronically.

Traffic control is a big issue, especially the stop sign at the intersection of Blueberry and Huckleberry. This had been brought to the town's attention in the past. After evaluations by the County DOT, highway and engineering departments, it has been determined that the grade of the road precludes a third stop sign. They determined with a third stop sign and the grade of the road and winter conditions, vehicles would have difficulty navigating this area. Regardless of how many signs are installed, it only matters if they are followed.

New York State is very clear about its bicycle laws. NY Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) – §1231 – Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles – Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. Including right side of road, adhering to signs and traffic signals.

Any and all residents are welcome to attend any Town of Clay board meeting to keep up with what is going on in our community. Any questions, contact Town Affairs Coordinator Mike Banks at 315-652-2657.

Chimney fire safety tips

Eventually the cold weather will come upon us, and we'll crave a nice, cozy fire to keep warm. The following are tips to prevent chimney fires found on the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control website (www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc). Nearly all residential fires originating in the chimney are preventable.

- Have your chimney checked every year by a qualified chimney professional
- · Burn only well seasoned hardwoods
- Install a chimney cap
- Install a carbon monoxide detector
- Have your chimney sweep ensure that your chimney has

- an appropriate liner
- Following a violent storm, earthquake, flood or lightening strike, have your chimney inspected for damage inside and out.
- If you have a wood or coal stove, be sure it is installed at least 36 inches away from the wall. Keep combustible materials well away from the stove and chimney connector. Place an approved stove board under the unit to protect the floor from heat and hot coals that might drop out.
- Know what to do in case of a fire. If you suspect a chimney fire, evacuate your home and call 9-1-1.

President's corner

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We often get complaints that the BCA is not doing this and that or such and such. Well, we aren't a homeowner's association that charges hundreds of dollars a month, has full-time and part-time staff, and authority to compel residents to do things. If it's not being done it's because no one has stepped up that has the time and passion for that particular issue. If it's something you care about it's on you to do something about it. The BCA will help you find other people who care about that issue too, help you get the word out, set up meetings, make connections etc. but we do not have the resources to do it for you. The BCA literally is you!

Bayberry has been around for more than 60 years now and is at a critical juncture. I'm sure you've noticed the rapid rate at which houses are bought and sold here. It's a changing of the guard. The generation that initially built and populated Bayberry is making way for a new generation of young families looking for a friendly and safe place to raise their kids. My wife and I have three children aged 2, 10 and 16. The first Bayberry generation put a lot of work into making Bayberry the place they wanted it to be and were actually very successful with all manner of clubs, dances, parades, block parties, improvement projects, a swim club, and all manner of other initiatives that brought people together and made Bayberry a quality place to grow up. Now it's up to us, the new Bayberrians to define this place for ourselves. One things' for sure. Nobody is going to do it for us!

So email me at tim.scott3@gmail.com and tell me what you want to do. Let us empower you to achieve your vision for the community. For inspiration on what is possible when we work together, scroll through this PowerPoint on the history of our neighborhood. www.tinyurl.com/bayberryhistory

Tim Scott

Town affairs

- Mavis Discount Tire is opening on Route 57/John Glenn as reported in May
- Storage facilities on Route 57 east south of Route 31 and Morgan Road south of Wetzel are pending final approvals
- Public hearing regarding Garage/Yard/Estates Sales in Town of Clay—changes to existing NYS laws, primarily targeting "garage sales" that sell new items and/or are held more than three times a year. Appropriate signage will also be addressed.
- Application for Zone C store on Lawton Road and Route 31
- Zoning Approval for Farone Funeral Home on Taft Road
- More commercial development ahead on Route 31

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