
BAYBERRY news

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Thank you for your years of service

The BCA would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to our secretary, Marge Sebastian, who has served the BCA in various capacities for 10 years and has had to withdraw due to her health. Her delicious baked goods will be also be sorely missed! We would also like to thank Laura Oberlander, our outgoing Welcome Committee Chair, who has spent countless hours tracking who is new to Bayberry and passing by their home up to 2 or 3 times to be able to welcome them in person and give them information about the neighborhood and key services. She has been a regular attendee at board meetings and supported many BCA initiatives and events. Laura and her husband Lance recently adopted their second child and need to focus on their growing family at this time.

BCA Scholarship application now available

The BCA will now award two \$500 scholarships as well as one awarded by Edge FCU, totaling three scholarships for 2018-19. Each scholarship will go to a deserving student who currently lives in one of the BCA'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 (2018/19). 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. Students interested are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. Deadline is April 15. To download the application, simply go to www.tinyurl.com/bcascholarship and mail the completed form to BCA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, P.O. Box 2184 Liverpool, NY 13089.

Easter Egg Hunt

The BCA will be collaborating with Hanna Howard Realty this year on its 14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on the Saturday before Easter (March 31) at the former Wetzel Road Elementary. There will be thousands of eggs, a score of prizes in golden eggs and an Easter bunny in costume! Since we hope to double participation, we are also trying to take responsibility for half the event. WE NEED HELP! We need people willing to stuff and/or donate stuffed eggs for a total of 2,000. You basically put one piece of candy in each egg and it ends up costing about \$20 to do 100 eggs. We only have \$150 budgeted for this event so will need some donations and/or sponsors. We also need volunteers to "hide" eggs and wrangle kids and parents the day of. Email bcaexecboard@gmail.com if you can help out in some way.

Home Improvement Fair

Are you a local handyman, contractor, plumber, electrician, HVAC technician, landscaper or other home improvement professional? Then this is your chance to feature your services and connect with customers. We would also love to have neighborhood home improvement enthusiasts, wood-turners and hobbyists set up a table to demo their skills and show off their projects. We are planning to hold this fair in mid-April, so if you would like to be a part of it in some way, email BCA 1st VP Rachel Thomases at rsthomases@hotmail.com.

Volunteers needed

The following is a list of BCA volunteer positions currently available:

- Secretary
- Welcome Committee Chair
- Area Rep for Area L (Meadow River/River Park drives)
- Easter Egg Hunt volunteers and egg stuffers
- Home Improvement Fair participants and committee members

NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sunday, Feb. 11
at 7 p.m.
United Church of Christ
215 Blackberry Road

*Meetings open to all
residents!*

SAVE THE DATES

Family Movie Nights at UCC
Saturdays, Feb. 17 & March 10

Winter Photo Contest Deadline
Saturday, March 10

**Easter Egg Hunt with Howard
Hanna Realty**
Saturday, March 31

Scholarship Applications Due
Sunday, April 15

*More info on events will be posted on social
media sites (see below) as the dates draw
near.*

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President's corner

A Better Governance Structure for the BCA

Dear neighbors,

The Bayberry Community Association consists of almost 40 different "areas" that have their own representative. These area reps, along with the officers and other directors are meant to govern the association. **The BCA would be governed by a "senate" of more than 50 people if everyone came to the monthly meetings!**

As it is, we have about 15 people attend on average. This group includes a core group of deeply committed individuals who selflessly and generously give of their time and in some cases have done for decades. The problem is that the other half are not able to come every time or are only there about a specific issue that interests them. This is absolutely fine, but because it would be cumbersome and awkward to work out every meeting who is and isn't supposed to vote, everybody who shows up is a part of decisions made even if it's their first meeting. **In effect, the BCA Board is whoever happens to show up that day!** Another problem is that people, like myself, who are louder, have stronger personalities and are more involved in the daily affairs of the BCA end up dominating the conversation, while **the wisdom of quieter individuals may not be heard.**

I would like to see a small, dedicated and authoritative board of individuals who have committed to making meetings and staying up on BCA matters. This board, once established, could be listed

on the website with a profile of each of their backgrounds and contact info so people know who they are and can contact them with concerns.

Board members could be voted on at the annual May membership meeting and feel **a real mandate and responsibility to focus the BCA on residents' top priorities**, ensure that it is run effectively, and be a strong group to which officers and committee chairs are accountable. Also, each board member could be the primary point of contact for issues in four or five specific areas. The difference from an "area rep" is that they wouldn't necessarily live in that area, they won't deliver newsletters and they are voted on by all BCA residents. Not delivering newsletters would **allow seniors who care about their community, but aren't very mobile to still serve as board members.**

Come to February's meeting where I will be calling for the formation of a committee to study this and make recommendations. We need neighbors, like you, who care about their community to come and help create this group and it's charges! Of course we would love for you to serve on it as well!

The BCA is the best tool WE have to shape OUR neighborhood. **I warmly invite you to come take ownership of YOUR community!**

Sincerely,
Tim Scott
BCA President

Winter Photo Contest

We want to see your best photos from this winter season! The only rule is that they need to be taken in the Bayberry community. We will be looking for elements like creativity, beauty, originality, funniness or anything else that makes the photo stand out. Depending on the entries we get, we'll have a kids and adults category. We have a total \$50 of prize money to give out in the form of gift cards plus publicity and bragging rights! So email your winter gems to bayberrynews@gmail.com. Be sure to include address, name of photographer and age if it's a kid. We can't wait to see what we get.

Family Movie Nights at UCC

The BCA and United Church of Christ, on 215 Blackberry Road, invite Bayberry families to a family friendly matinee movie screening at the church from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 17 and March 10. Snacks and drinks will be provided but bring a chair, blanket or pillow, your favorite stuffed animal so you can get comfortable.

Brush Collection Information

Holiday pick-up: If during the week your pick-up falls on or after the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, service is delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Christmas trees: Christmas trees will be picked up through Jan. 25. All districts will be picked up each week. Tree stands, decorations and lighting must be removed from tree. Artificial trees will not be collected. Do not cover, wrap or bag tree in plastic.

In Memoriam

Members of the community and especially those who had worked with Mary Timmons on the BCA board of directors were saddened to learn of her death on Dec. 28.

Mary's contributions to the community are unmatched. Her main focus was on the family, yet her volunteering included her church and the school district, Meals on Wheels, St. Joseph's Hospital and where ever she was needed in her neighborhood.

In 1981, she was elected BCA secretary; in 1983, BC vice president. From 1985 to 1994, she took over the BCA newsletter as editor; a task she thoroughly enjoyed. Not only did she edit, but counted out all the copies for each of the 34 sections, and then if no one was available in a section, she delivered them.

Mary volunteered to help in every BCA activity. In 1995, she and another member were the inspiration for the association's Volunteer Service Award recognizing contributions to the BCA. In 1999, in recognition of her contributions to the community, she was named Citizen of the Year.

Mary was a proud Irish woman who celebrated her heritage and we were all proud to celebrate with her.

*I measc na naomh go raibh see (Gaelic)
(With the saints may she be)*

June Baycura, historian



Mary Timmons

School affairs

There will be a free Family Fun and Fitness night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, for students in grades K-4. The event will be held at the high school and a variety of activities will be offered.

An expanded Pre-K program will begin in January 2018, for 4-year-olds in the Liverpool Central School District. Parents must fill out a notice of interest,

found on the district website, to be added to the waiting list as openings in the program become available.

Registration for students entering kindergarten will be held in March. Packets will be mailed to families in February, if the district is aware that a child in the family is eligible. Families that do not receive a packet by Feb. 10 should call the district office.

Special Education Parent Nights will be held on Jan. 30, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 and March 14. The sessions will be held at the district office. The Syracuse University Parent Assistance Center and the Mid-State Special Education Parent Center are partnering with the district to offer these workshops. Registration is required; see the events calendar on the website for more information.

December Events Report

Holiday Decorating Contest

Homes all throughout Bayberry were decked out with bright lights and beautiful displays to celebrate the 2017 holiday season. The BCA Holiday Decorating Contest Committee recently announced the winner for the **Most Outstanding Display** as well as the six section winners. The **Most Outstanding Display** goes to the Elliott family at 21 Lorraine Crescent. **Section Winners** include 7687 Bay Circle, 10 Damson Lane, 7 Mallard Path, 17 Nectarine Lane, 21 Lorraine Crescent and 207 Riverdale Road.

Cookie Drive

Wow! Our best year with 17 families contributing more than 68 lbs. of cookies, fudge, cakes, brownies, chex mix, moose trax, chocolate pretzel sticks, fiddle faddle and nuts were contributed! Special thanks to the following families from our community: Dale and Kim Amond, Mike and Sheree Banks, Louise Benfey, Joanne Cappella and Bob Bowen, the Davoli family, Debbie Magaro-Dolan, Dave Hasse and Bev Kenyon-Hasse, Ralph and Pat Henry, Nicole Kelly, Karen Koffee, Dolly and Kevin MacMasters, Libbie Messina, Carrie Roz and Tam Young, Marge Sebastian, Bob and Joanne Stella, Susan Williams, Patrick O'Toole and Other Anonymous Residents. They all made our cookie drive a huge success for our civic volunteer with MCFD and NOVA.

Winter reminder

To prevent slips and falls, please remember to clear any paths or steps of snow and ice leading up to your home's main entrance for deliveries, mail service, etc. Also, if possible, grab a neighbor or two to clear a storm drain or fire hydrant nearby, to help ensure services continue running smoothly through the worst of weather.

Santa Visits

This year's Santa Visit included more than 100 children in 45 homes throughout the Bayberry community. A big thank you to all the volunteers, including Christine and Olivia Moen, Suzanne Fairbanks, Joanne Stella and Judy McVity for your help during the gift drop off; Mike Banks and Tami Scott for coordinating the Santas and drivers; drivers Nick Calaprico, Ann Dudash, Bob Stella and MCFD; and Santa Tim Scott, Santa Joe Calaprico and Santa Kevin Dudash. You all contributed in making this event another annual success! Thank you for all the families who participated! To see some photos from the event, go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/rRQPpkv8WtwnF1Bt2>.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Thank you to all who were involved with the creation of the first Bayberry Christmas Tree Light-ing, and to all who could attend and enjoy the event! We were thrilled with the turnout, everything went pretty smoothly for a first-time affair and we're taking notes for next year. A big shout out to Bage-licious, Antonio's and Ben for providing the refreshments. More special thank you's to Tami Scott, Rachel Thomases, MCFD, Joe Calaprico, Mike Banks, Power of Two, Fr. Fritzen and the Christ the King choir and children, Kinney Drugs, China Wong and Bayberry Service Center, as well as the staff at Bayberry Plaza, LLC and Irongate Community Association for co-organizing the event.

Rowley to hold 'office hours'

Onondaga County Legislator Jim Rowley is holding "office hours" on the third Monday of each month at Clay Town Hall and will attend that evening's Clay Town Board meeting to update officials and the public of what is transpiring in the legislature.

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